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Introduced by M. of A. D. ROSENTHAL, DICKENS, COLTON, WILLIAMS,  
SEAWRIGHT, COOK, SIMON, JACOBSON -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to requiring certain  
manufacturers of prescription drugs to notify the superintendant of  
any proposed increase of the wholesale acquisition cost of such  
prescription drugs

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The insurance law is amended by adding a new section 111-a  
to read as follows:

§ 111-a. Notification of prescription drug price increases by manufac-  
turers. (a) This section shall apply to a manufacturer of a prescription  
drug that is purchased or reimbursed in this state by any of the follow-  
ing:

(1) An insurance company authorized in this state to write accident  
and health insurance, a company organized pursuant to article forty-  
three of this chapter, a municipal cooperative health benefit plan  
established pursuant to article forty-seven of this chapter, an organ-  
ization certified pursuant to article forty-four of the public health  
law, an institution of higher education certified pursuant to section  
one thousand one hundred twenty-four of this chapter, or the New York  
state health insurance plan established pursuant to article eleven of  
the civil service law; or

(2) A pharmacy benefit manager, including an entity that directly or  
through an intermediary, manages the prescription drug coverage provided  
by a health insurer under a contract or policy delivered or issued for  
delivery in this state or a health plan subject to section three hundred  
sixty-four-j of the social services law, including the processing and  
payment of claims for prescription drugs, the performance of drug utili-  
zation review, the processing of drug prior authorization requests, the

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 adjudication of appeals or grievances related to prescription drug  
2 coverage, contracting with network pharmacies, and controlling the cost  
3 of covered prescription drugs.

4 (b) (1) A manufacturer of a prescription drug with a wholesale acqui-  
5 sition cost of more than forty dollars for a course of therapy shall  
6 notify the superintendent, his or her deputy or other officer designated  
7 by the superintendent, if the increase in the wholesale acquisition cost  
8 of such prescription drug is more than ten percent, including the  
9 proposed increase and the cumulative increases that occurred within the  
10 previous twenty-four months. For purposes of this section, a "course of  
11 therapy" is defined as either of the following:

12 (i) the recommended daily dosage units of a prescription drug pursuant  
13 to its prescribing label as approved by the federal Food and Drug Admin-  
14 istration for thirty days; or

15 (ii) the recommended daily dosage units of a prescription drug pursu-  
16 ant to its prescribing label as approved by the federal Food and Drug  
17 Administration for a normal course of treatment that is less than thirty  
18 days.

19 (2) (i) The notice required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall  
20 be provided in writing to the superintendent at least sixty days prior  
21 to the planned effective date of the increase and shall include the  
22 proposed increase and the cumulative increases that occurred within the  
23 previous twenty-four months.

24 (ii) The superintendent shall forthwith publish the notice required by  
25 paragraph (a) of this subdivision on the department of financial  
26 services website within five days of its receipt.

27 (3) (i) The notice required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall  
28 include the date of the increase, the current wholesale acquisition cost  
29 of the prescription drug, and the dollar amount of the future increase  
30 in the wholesale acquisition cost of the prescription drug.

31 (ii) The notice required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall  
32 include a statement regarding whether a change or improvement in the  
33 drug necessitates the price increase. If so, the manufacturer shall  
34 describe the change or improvement.

35 (4) Information supplied by a manufacturer pursuant to this section  
36 that the manufacturer has designated as a trade secret shall be consid-  
37 ered confidential and a trade secret and shall not be disclosed directly  
38 or indirectly by the superintendent. Notwithstanding the foregoing  
39 sentence, the superintendent shall be permitted to disclose information  
40 in an aggregated format if such aggregate information cannot directly or  
41 indirectly be used to identify trade secret information related to a  
42 specific manufacturer or the manufacturer's prescription drug, including  
43 but not limited to any information related to pricing for the manufac-  
44 turer's prescription drug that has been designated as a trade secret.

45 (5) In the event that a manufacturer of a prescription drug subject to  
46 this section does not report the information required in paragraph (1)  
47 of this subsection, the superintendent is authorized to impose any  
48 penalty or remedy authorized by this chapter, after notice and a hear-  
49 ing, against such manufacturer of up to five thousand dollars per day  
50 for every day after the reporting period described in this section that  
51 the required information is not reported.

52 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.