

Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 103

AN ACT concerning pharmacy benefits managers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. As used in this act:

(a) “List” means the list of drugs for which maximum allowable costs have been established;

(b) “maximum allowable cost” or “MAC” means the maximum amount that a pharmacy benefits manager will reimburse a pharmacy for the cost of a generic drug;

(c) “network pharmacy” means a pharmacy that contracts with a pharmacy benefits manager; and

(d) “pharmacy benefits manager” or “PBM” shall have the same meaning as K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 40-3822(e), and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. A pharmacy benefits manager:

(a) Shall not place a drug on a MAC list unless there are at least two therapeutically equivalent multi-source generic drugs, or at least one generic drug available from at least one manufacturer, generally available for purchase by network pharmacies from national or regional wholesalers and the drug is not obsolete.

(b) Shall provide to each network pharmacy at the beginning of the term of a contract and upon request thereafter, the sources utilized to determine the maximum allowable cost price.

(c) Shall provide a process for each network pharmacy provider to readily access the maximum allowable price specific to that provider.

(d) Shall review and update each applicable maximum allowable cost list every seven business days and apply the updates to reimbursements no later than one business day.

(e) Shall ensure that dispensing fees are not included in the calculation of maximum allowable cost.

(f) Shall establish a process by which a network pharmacy may appeal reimbursement for a drug subject to maximum allowable cost as follows:

(1) The network pharmacy must file an appeal no later than 10 business days after the fill date.

(2) The PBM shall provide a response to the appealing network pharmacy no later than 10 business days after receiving an appeal request containing information sufficient for the PBM to process the appeal as specified by the contract.

(3) If the appeal is upheld, the PBM:

(A) Shall make the adjustment in the drug price effective no later than one business day after the appeal is resolved;

(B) shall make the adjustment applicable to all similarly situated network pharmacy providers, as determined by the plan sponsor or pharmacy benefits manager, as appropriate; and

(C) permit the appealing pharmacy to reverse and rebill the appealed claim.

(4) If the appeal is denied, the PBM shall provide the appealing pharmacy the national drug code number from a national or regional wholesaler operating in Kansas where the drug is generally available for purchase at a price equal to or less than the maximum allowable cost, and when applicable, may be substituted lawfully.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.