

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 264

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides for transparency and compensation practices relative to pharmacy benefit managers

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1657.1(A) and (B)(introductory paragraph) and (4) and R.S.
3 44:4.1(B)(11) and to enact R.S. 22:1657.1(D) and 1860.3(F), relative to pharmacy
4 benefit managers; to modify the definition of rebates; to provide for reimbursement
5 of pharmacists and pharmacies; to authorize the commissioner of insurance's
6 examination of records and compensation programs; to provide for public records
7 exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 22:1657.1(A) and (B)(introductory paragraph) and (4) are hereby
10 amended and reenacted and R.S. 22:1657.1(D) and 1860.3(F) are hereby enacted to read as
11 follows:

12 §1657.1. Pharmacy benefit manager rebate transparency report; examination by
13 commissioner

14 A. Each pharmacy benefit manager licensed by the commissioner ~~of~~
15 ~~insurance~~ shall submit an annual transparency report as a condition of maintaining
16 licensure.

17 B. As used in this Section, the following definitions ~~shall~~ apply:

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19 (4) "Rebates" ~~means all rebates, discounts, and other price concessions,~~
20 ~~based on utilization of a prescription drug and paid by the manufacturer or other~~

~~party other than an enrollee, directly or indirectly, to the pharmacy benefit manager after the claim has been adjudicated at the pharmacy. Rebates shall include a reasonable estimate of any volume-based discount or other discounts~~ mean either of the following:

(a) Negotiated price concessions such as base price concessions, including those labeled as a rebate or otherwise; reasonable estimates of any price protection rebates; and performance-based price concessions that may accrue directly or indirectly to the health insurance issuer, plan, or other party on behalf of the health insurance issuer or plan, including a pharmacy benefit manager, during the coverage year. These concessions may come from a pharmaceutical manufacturer, dispensing pharmacy, or other party in connection with the dispensing or administration of a prescription drug.

(b) Reasonable estimates of any negotiated price concessions, fees, and other administrative costs that are passed through, or are reasonably anticipated to be passed through, to the health insurance issuer or plan that serve to reduce the health insurance issuer's or plan's liabilities for a prescription drug.

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D.(1) The commissioner may examine the books or records of a pharmacy benefit manager to determine the accuracy of the transparency report; the individual and aggregate amount paid by a health insurance issuer to the pharmacy benefit manager for drugs, devices, or services provided by a pharmacist or pharmacy; and the individual and aggregate amount a pharmacy benefit manger paid to a pharmacist or pharmacy for drugs, devices, or services.

(2) This Section does not limit the power of the commissioner to examine or audit the books or records of a pharmacy benefit manager.

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§1860.3. Reimbursements; review by commissioner; exceptions

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F. (1) The commissioner may review and approve the compensation program of a pharmacy benefit manager or person acting on behalf of a pharmacy benefit manager with a health insurance issuer, pharmacy services administrative organization, pharmacy, or pharmacist, or any person acting on their behalf, to ensure that the reimbursement for drugs, devices, and services paid to the pharmacist or pharmacy is fair and reasonable.

(2) Public Records Law, R.S. 44:1 et seq., applies to information provided to the commissioner pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, including the terms and conditions of any contract and such other proprietary information, as specifically identified by the pharmacy benefit manager; however, the commissioner may disclose such confidential information to insurance departments of other states or for the purposes of any adjudicatory hearing or court proceeding invoked by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this Part.

Section 2. R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4.1. Exceptions

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B. The legislature further recognizes that there exist exceptions, exemptions, and limitations to the laws pertaining to public records throughout the revised statutes and codes of this state. Therefore, the following exceptions, exemptions, and limitations are hereby continued in effect by incorporation into this Chapter by citation:

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(11) R.S. 22:2, 14, 31, 42.1, 88, 244, 263, 265, 461, 550.7, 571, 572, 572.1, 572.2, 574, 601.3, 618, 639, 691.4, 691.5, 691.6, 691.7, 691.8, 691.9, 691.9.1, 691.10, 691.38, 691.56, 732, 752, 753, 771, 834, 972(D), 976, 1008, 1019.2, 1203, 1460, 1464, 1466, 1483.1, 1488, 1546, 1559, 1566(D), 1644, 1656, 1657.1, 1660.7, 1723, 1796, 1801, 1808.3, 1860.3, 1927, 1929, 1983, 1984, 2036, 2045, 2056, 2085, 2091, 2293, 2303, 2508

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DIGEST

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HB 264 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for transparency and compensation practices relative to pharmacy benefit managers.

Proposed law defines the term "rebate".

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner to examine the books, records, reports of a pharmacy benefit manager relative to rebate transparency to ensure that reimbursements are fair and reasonable. Proposed law authorizes the commissioner to review and approve the compensation program of a pharmacy benefit manager or person acting on behalf of pharmacy benefit manager to ensure that reimbursements are fair and reasonable.

Proposed law provides that information submitted by pharmacy benefit managers is confidential pursuant to Public Records Law. However, the commissioner may disclose confidential information to insurance departments of other states or for the purposes of any adjudicatory hearing or court proceeding invoked by the commissioner.

(Amends R.S. 22:1657.1(A) and (B), (intro. para.) and (4) and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11); Adds R.S. 22:1657.1(D) and 1860.3(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

1. Redefine the term "rebate".
2. Authorize the commissioner to examine books, records, and reports of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) and review and approve the compensation programs of PBMs to ensure that reimbursements paid to pharmacists or pharmacies are fair and reasonable.
3. Provide that information submitted by PBMs to the commissioner is confidential under the Public Records Law; however, the commissioner is authorized to disclose confidential information to insurance departments in other states or for the purposes of certain hearings and proceedings.
4. Make technical changes.