

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 184

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

PHARMACIES: Provides an exemption to certain outpatient prescription fees for charitable pharmacies

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2625(A)(1)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S.  
3 46:2622(19), relative to charitable pharmacies; to create an exemption to certain fees  
4 for charitable pharmacies; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 46:2625(A)(1)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and  
8 reenacted and R.S. 46:2622(19) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2622. Definitions

10 As used in this Chapter, the following terms ~~shall~~ have the following meanings:

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12 (19) "Charitable pharmacy" means the practice of a pharmacy at a site where  
13 prescriptions are dispensed by a charitable organization free of charge to  
14 appropriately screened and qualified patients.

15 \* \* \*

16 §2625. Fees on healthcare providers; disposition of fees

17 A.(1) The Louisiana Department of Health is hereby authorized to adopt and  
18 impose fees for healthcare services provided by the Medicaid program on every  
19 nursing facility, every intermediate care facility for people with developmental  
20 disabilities, every pharmacy in the state of Louisiana except for charitable

1        pharmacies and certain out-of-state pharmacies, dispensing physicians, and medical  
2        transportation providers. The amount of any fee shall not exceed the total cost to the  
3        state of providing the healthcare service subject to such fee. In addition, the amount  
4        of the fees imposed under the rules and regulations adopted shall not exceed the  
5        following:

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# DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Exempts charitable pharmacies from certain fees collected by the La. Dept. of Health.

Present law authorizes the La. Dept. of Health to impose fees for healthcare services provided by the Medicaid program on all nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, pharmacies in the state, certain out-of-state pharmacies, dispensing physicians, and medical transport providers.

Proposed law defines "charitable pharmacy" as the practice of a pharmacy at a site where prescriptions are dispensed by a charitable organization free of charge to appropriately screened and qualified patients.

Present law provides that a pharmacy shall pay a fee not exceeding \$0.10 per outpatient prescription dispensed.

Proposed law creates an exemption to the fee requirements of present law for charitable pharmacies.

(Amends R.S. 46:2625(A)(1)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 46:2622(19))