
EMERGENCY REQUEST OF SENATE MINORITY LEADER

SENATE BILL NO. 539—SENATORS ROBERSON, GANSERT, KIECKHEFER, HARRIS, HARDY; GOICOECHEA, GUSTAVSON, HAMMOND, SETTELMAYER, ATKINSON, CANCELA, CANNIZZARO, DENIS, FARLEY, FORD, MANENDO, PARKS, RATTI, SEGERBLOM, SPEARMAN AND WOODHOUSE

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to prescription drugs. (BDR 40-1217)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility.

Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to prescription drugs; requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to compile certain lists of certain prescription drugs that are used to treat diabetes; requiring the manufacturer of a drug included on such lists and a pharmacy benefit manager to provide certain information to the Department; requiring the Department to compile a report based on such information; requiring a manufacturer of prescription drugs to submit a list of each pharmaceutical sales representative who markets prescription drugs to certain persons in this State; prohibiting a pharmaceutical sales representative who is not included on such a list from marketing prescription drugs on behalf of a manufacturer; requiring each pharmaceutical sales representative included on such a list to report certain information to the Department; requiring certain nonprofit organizations to report to the Department certain information concerning certain contributions and benefits received from drug manufacturers, insurers and pharmacy benefit managers or trade and advocacy groups for such entities; requiring the Department to place certain information on its Internet website; authorizing the Department to impose an administrative penalty in certain circumstances; providing that certain information does not constitute a trade secret; imposing certain requirements on a pharmacy benefit manager; requiring a private school to allow a pupil to keep and self-administer certain drugs; requiring certain insurers to provide certain notice to insureds; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



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Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the organization with the largest membership in this State
2 which represents the interests of retail merchants to prepare a list of not less than
3 100 prescription drugs most commonly prescribed to residents of this State. (NRS
4 439.905) Existing law also requires the Department of Health and Human Services
5 to place on the Internet website maintained by the Department certain information
6 reported by pharmacies concerning the prices charged by the pharmacies for drugs
7 that appear on that list. (NRS 439.915) **Section 3.6** of this bill requires the
8 Department to compile: (1) a list of prescription drugs that the Department
9 determines to be essential for treating diabetes in this State; and (2) a list of such
10 prescription drugs that have been subject to a significant price increase within the
11 immediately preceding 2 calendar years. **Section 3.8** of this bill requires the
12 manufacturer of a prescription drug included on the list of essential diabetes drugs
13 to submit to the Department an annual report that contains certain information
14 concerning the cost of the drug. **Section 4** of this bill requires the manufacturer of a
15 drug included on the list of essential diabetes drugs that have undergone a
16 substantial cost increase to submit to the Department a report concerning the
17 reasons for the cost increase. **Section 4.2** of this bill requires a pharmacy benefit
18 manager to report certain information concerning essential diabetes drugs to the
19 Department. **Section 9** of this bill provides that any information that a manufacturer
20 of an essential diabetes drug, a pharmacy benefit manager or a pharmaceutical sales
21 representative is required to report is not a trade secret. **Section 4.3** of this bill
22 requires the Department to analyze the information submitted by such
23 manufacturers and compile a report concerning the reasons for and effect of the
24 pricing of essential diabetes drugs.

25 **Section 4.9** of this bill requires a nonprofit organization that advocates for
26 patients or funds medical research in this State to post on its Internet website or, if
27 the nonprofit organization does not maintain an Internet website, submit to the
28 Department certain information concerning payments, donations and anything else
29 of value that the organization receives from manufacturers of prescription drugs,
30 certain third parties or pharmacy benefit managers or trade or advocacy groups for
31 such entities. **Section 6** of this bill requires the Department to place on the Internet
32 website maintained by the Department: (1) the information and lists compiled by
33 the Department pursuant to **sections 3.6, 4.3 and 4.6**; and (2) the information
34 submitted to the Department pursuant to **sections 3.8 and 4.9**. **Section 6.5** of this
35 bill provides that the Department is not liable for any act, omission, error or
36 technical problem that results in the failure to provide information or the provision
37 of any incorrect information placed on the Internet website of the Department.
38 **Section 7** of this bill requires the Department to adopt any necessary regulations
39 concerning the reporting of information by manufacturers and nonprofit
40 organizations for inclusion on the Internet website of the Department. **Section 26.3**
41 of this bill requires an insurer that offers or issues a policy of individual health
42 insurance and uses a formulary to provide, during each open enrollment period, a
43 notice of any drugs on the list of essential diabetes drugs that have been removed
44 from the formulary or will be removed from the formulary during the current plan
45 year or the next plan year.

46 **Section 4.6** of this bill requires a manufacturer to provide to the Department a
47 list of each pharmaceutical sales representative who markets prescription drugs to
48 providers of health care, pharmacies, medical facilities and insurers in this State on
49 behalf of the manufacturer. **Section 4.6** also prohibits a person who is not included
50 on such a list from marketing prescription drugs on behalf of a manufacturer to
51 providers of health care, pharmacies, medical facilities and insurers. Additionally,
52 **section 4.6** requires each pharmaceutical sales representative who is included on
53 such a list to submit an annual report to the Department. Finally, **section 4.6**
54 requires the Department to compile an annual report based on the information



55 submitted by pharmaceutical sales representatives. **Section 8** of this bill authorizes
56 the Department to impose an administrative penalty against a manufacturer,
57 pharmacy benefit manager, nonprofit organization or pharmaceutical sales
58 representative who fails to provide the information required by **sections 3.8, 4, 4.2,**
59 **4.6 and 4.9.**

60 Upon the submission of a written request, existing law requires a public school
61 to allow a pupil who has asthma, anaphylaxis or diabetes to carry and self-
62 administer medication to treat his or her disorder while the pupil is on the grounds
63 of a public school, participating in an activity sponsored by a public school or on a
64 school bus. (NRS 392.425) Willful failure to carry out this requirement is grounds
65 to suspend, demote, dismiss or refuse to reemploy a teacher or administrator. (NRS
66 391.750) **Section 8.6** of this bill: (1) imposes similar requirements for private
67 schools; and (2) makes a willful violation of those requirements a misdemeanor.
68 **Section 19** of this bill provides that a pharmacy benefit manager has a fiduciary
69 duty to an insurer with which the pharmacy benefit manager has entered into a
70 contract to manage prescription drug coverage.

71 **Section 20** of this bill prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager from engaging in
72 certain trade practices.

73 Federal law prohibits states from regulating an employee benefit plan
74 established under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. (29
75 U.S.C. § 1144) **Section 17** of this bill provides that the requirements that this bill
76 imposes upon pharmacy benefit managers and insurers do not apply to the
77 management or provision of prescription drug benefits included in such a plan
78 unless the plan requires compliance with those provisions.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 4.9, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *“Manufacturer” has the meaning ascribed to it in*
5 *NRS 639.009.*

6 **Sec. 3.** *“Pharmacy” means every store or shop licensed by*
7 *the State Board of Pharmacy where drugs, controlled substances,*
8 *poisons, medicines or chemicals are stored or possessed, or*
9 *dispensed or sold at retail, or displayed for sale at retail, or where*
10 *prescriptions are compounded or dispensed. The term does not*
11 *include an institutional pharmacy as defined in NRS 639.0085.*

12 **Sec. 3.2.** *“Pharmacy benefit manager” has the meaning*
13 *ascribed to it in section 14.5 of this act.*

14 **Sec. 3.4.** *“Wholesale acquisition cost” means the*
15 *manufacturer’s list price for a prescription drug to wholesalers or*
16 *direct purchasers in the United States, not including any*
17 *discounts, rebates or reductions in price, as reported in wholesale*
18 *price guides or other publications of drug pricing data.*

19 **Sec. 3.6.** *On or before February 1 of each year, the*
20 *Department shall compile:*



1 1. *A list of prescription drugs that the Department determines*
2 *to be essential for treating diabetes in this State and the wholesale*
3 *acquisition cost of each such drug on the list. The list must*
4 *include, without limitation, all forms of insulin and biguanides*
5 *marketed for sale in this State.*

6 2. *A list of prescription drugs described in subsection 1 that*
7 *have been subject to an increase in the wholesale acquisition cost*
8 *of a percentage equal to or greater than:*

9 (a) *The percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index,*
10 *Medical Care Component during the immediately preceding*
11 *calendar year; or*

12 (b) *Twice the percentage increase in the Consumer Price*
13 *Index, Medical Care Component during the immediately*
14 *preceding 2 calendar years.*

15 **Sec. 3.8.** *On or before April 1 of each year, the manufacturer*
16 *of a prescription drug that appears on the most current list*
17 *compiled by the Department pursuant to subsection 1 of section*
18 *3.6 of this act shall prepare and submit to the Department, in the*
19 *form prescribed by the Department, a report which must include:*

20 1. *The costs of producing the drug;*

21 2. *The total administrative expenditures relating to the drug,*
22 *including marketing and advertising costs;*

23 3. *The profit that the manufacturer has earned from the drug*
24 *and the percentage of the manufacturer's total profit for the*
25 *period during which the manufacturer has marketed the drug for*
26 *sale that is attributable to the drug;*

27 4. *The total amount of financial assistance that the*
28 *manufacturer has provided through any patient prescription*
29 *assistance program;*

30 5. *The cost associated with coupons provided directly to*
31 *consumers and for programs to assist consumers in paying*
32 *copayments, and the cost to the manufacturer attributable to the*
33 *redemption of those coupons and the use of those programs;*

34 6. *The wholesale acquisition cost of the drug;*

35 7. *A history of any increases in the wholesale acquisition cost*
36 *of the drug over the 5 years immediately preceding the date on*
37 *which the report is submitted, including the amount of each such*
38 *increase expressed as a percentage of the total wholesale*
39 *acquisition cost of the drug, the month and year in which each*
40 *increase became effective and any explanation for the increase;*

41 8. *The aggregate amount of all rebates that the manufacturer*
42 *has provided to pharmacy benefit managers for sales of the drug*
43 *within this State; and*

44 9. *Any additional information prescribed by regulation of the*
45 *Department for the purpose of analyzing the cost of prescription*



1 *drugs that appear on the list compiled pursuant to subsection 1 of*
2 *section 3.6 of this act, trends in those costs and rebates available*
3 *for such drugs.*

4 **Sec. 4.** *On or before April 1 of a year in which a drug is*
5 *included on the list compiled pursuant to subsection 2 of section*
6 *3.6 of this act, the manufacturer of the drug shall submit to the*
7 *Department a report describing the reasons for the increase in the*
8 *wholesale acquisition cost of the drug described in that subsection.*
9 *The report must include, without limitation:*

- 10 1. *A list of each factor that has contributed to the increase;*
11 2. *The percentage of the total increase that is attributable to*
12 *each factor;*
13 3. *An explanation of the role of each factor in the increase;*
14 *and*
15 4. *Any other information prescribed by regulation by the*
16 *Department.*

17 **Sec. 4.2.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,*
18 *on or before April 1 of each year, a pharmacy benefit manager*
19 *shall submit to the Department a report which includes:*

20 (a) *The total amount of all rebates that the pharmacy benefit*
21 *manager negotiated with manufacturers during the immediately*
22 *preceding calendar year for prescription drugs included on the list*
23 *compiled by the Department pursuant to subsection 1 of section*
24 *3.6 of this act;*

25 (b) *The total amount of all rebates described in paragraph (a)*
26 *that were retained by the pharmacy benefit manager; and*

27 (c) *The total amount of all rebates described in paragraph (a)*
28 *that were negotiated for purchases of such drugs for use by:*

29 (1) *Recipients of Medicare;*

30 (2) *Recipients of Medicaid;*

31 (3) *Persons covered by third parties that are governmental*
32 *entities which are not described in subparagraph (1) or (2);*

33 (4) *Persons covered by third parties that are not*
34 *governmental entities; and*

35 (5) *Persons covered by a plan described in subsection 2 to*
36 *the extent required by a contract entered into pursuant to*
37 *subsection 3.*

38 2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the*
39 *requirements of this section do not apply to the coverage of*
40 *prescription drugs under a plan that is subject to the Employee*
41 *Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or any information*
42 *relating to such coverage.*

43 3. *A plan described in subsection 2 may, by contract, require*
44 *a pharmacy benefit manager that manages the coverage of*



1 *prescription drugs under the plan to comply with the requirements*
2 *of this section.*

3 **Sec. 4.3.** *On or before June 1 of each year, the Department*
4 *shall analyze the information submitted pursuant to sections 3.8, 4*
5 *and 4.2 of this act and compile a report on the price of the*
6 *prescription drugs that appear on the most current lists compiled*
7 *by the Department pursuant to section 3.6 of this act, the reasons*
8 *for any increases in those prices and the effect of those prices on*
9 *overall spending on prescription drugs in this State. The report*
10 *may include, without limitation, opportunities for persons and*
11 *entities in this State to lower the cost of drugs for the treatment of*
12 *diabetes while maintaining access to such drugs.*

13 **Sec. 4.6.** *1. A manufacturer of a prescription drug shall*
14 *provide to the Department a list of each pharmaceutical sales*
15 *representative who markets prescription drugs on behalf of the*
16 *manufacturer to providers of health care licensed, certified or*
17 *registered in this State, pharmacies or employees thereof,*
18 *operators or employees of medical facilities or persons licensed or*
19 *certified under the provisions of title 57 of NRS and update the list*
20 *at least annually.*

21 *2. The Department shall provide electronic access to the most*
22 *recent list provided by each manufacturer pursuant to subsection*
23 *1 to each provider of health care licensed, certified or registered in*
24 *this State, operator of a pharmacy, operator of a medical facility*
25 *or person licensed or certified under the provisions of title 57 for*
26 *the purposes of ensuring compliance with the requirements of*
27 *subsection 3. This subsection must not be construed to impose any*
28 *duty on a provider of health care, operator of a pharmacy,*
29 *operator of a medical facility or person licensed or certified under*
30 *the provisions of title 57 to ensure such compliance.*

31 *3. A person who is not included on a current list submitted*
32 *pursuant to subsection 1 shall not market prescription drugs on*
33 *behalf of a manufacturer:*

34 *(a) To any provider of health care licensed, certified or*
35 *registered in this State, pharmacy or employee thereof, operator or*
36 *employee of a medical facility or person licensed or certified under*
37 *the provisions of title 57 of NRS; or*

38 *(b) For sale to any resident of this State.*

39 *4. On or before March 1 of each year, each person who was*
40 *included on a list of pharmaceutical sales representatives*
41 *submitted pursuant to subsection 1 at any time during the*
42 *immediately preceding calendar year shall submit to the*
43 *Department a report, which must include, for the immediately*
44 *preceding calendar year:*



1 (a) A list of providers of health care licensed, certified or
2 registered in this State, pharmacies and employees thereof,
3 operators and employees of medical facilities and persons licensed
4 or certified under the provisions of title 57 of NRS to whom the
5 pharmaceutical sales representative provided:

6 (1) Any type of compensation with a value that exceeds
7 \$10; or

8 (2) Total compensation with a value that exceeds \$100 in
9 aggregate; and

10 (b) The name and manufacturer of each prescription drug for
11 which the pharmaceutical sales representative provided a free
12 sample to a provider of health care licensed, certified or registered
13 in this State, pharmacy or employee thereof, operator or employee
14 of a medical facility or person licensed or certified under the
15 provisions of title 57 of NRS and the name of each such person to
16 whom a free sample was provided.

17 5. The Department shall analyze annually the information
18 submitted pursuant to subsection 4 and compile a report on the
19 activities of pharmaceutical sales representatives in this State. Any
20 information contained in such a report that is derived from a list
21 provided pursuant to subsection 1 or a report submitted pursuant
22 to subsection 3 must be reported in aggregate and in a manner
23 that does not reveal the identity of any person or entity. On or
24 before June 1 of each year, the Department shall:

25 (a) Post the report on the Internet website maintained by the
26 Department; and

27 (b) Submit the report to the Governor and the Director of the
28 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislative
29 Committee on Health Care and, in even-numbered years, the next
30 regular session of the Legislature.

31 6. As used in this section:

32 (a) "Medical facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in
33 NRS 629.026.

34 (b) "Pharmaceutical sales representative" means a person who
35 markets prescription drugs to providers of health care licensed,
36 certified or registered in this State, pharmacies or employees
37 thereof, operators or employees of medical facilities or persons
38 licensed or certified under the provisions of title 57 of NRS.

39 (c) "Provider of health care" has the meaning ascribed to it in
40 NRS 629.031.

41 **Sec. 4.9.** 1. On or before February 1 of each year, a
42 nonprofit organization that advocates on behalf of patients or
43 funds medical research in this State and has received a payment,
44 donation, subsidy or anything else of value from a manufacturer,
45 third party or pharmacy benefit manager or a trade or advocacy



1 *group for manufacturers, third parties or pharmacy benefit*
2 *managers during the immediately preceding calendar year shall:*

3 *(a) Compile a report which includes:*

4 *(1) For each such contribution, the amount of the*
5 *contribution and the manufacturer, third party or pharmacy*
6 *benefit manager or group that provided the payment, donation,*
7 *subsidy or other contribution; and*

8 *(2) The percentage of the total gross income of the*
9 *organization during the immediately preceding calendar year*
10 *attributable to payments, donations, subsidies or other*
11 *contributions from each manufacturer, third party, pharmacy*
12 *benefit manager or group; and*

13 *(b) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, post the*
14 *report on an Internet website that is maintained by the nonprofit*
15 *organization and accessible to the public. If the nonprofit*
16 *organization does not maintain an Internet website that is*
17 *accessible to the public, the nonprofit organization shall submit*
18 *the report compiled pursuant to paragraph (a) to the Department.*

19 *2. As used in this section, "third party" means:*

20 *(a) An insurer, as that term is defined in NRS 679B.540;*

21 *(b) A health benefit plan, as that term is defined in NRS*
22 *689A.540, for employees which provides coverage for prescription*
23 *drugs;*

24 *(c) A participating public agency, as that term is defined in*
25 *NRS 287.04052, and any other local governmental agency of the*
26 *State of Nevada which provides a system of health insurance for*
27 *the benefit of its officers and employees, and the dependents of*
28 *officers and employees, pursuant to chapter 287 of NRS; or*

29 *(d) Any other insurer or organization that provides health*
30 *coverage or benefits in accordance with state or federal law.*

31 *↳ The term does not include an insurer that provides coverage*
32 *under a policy of casualty or property insurance.*

33 **Sec. 5.** NRS 439.900 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 439.900 As used in NRS 439.900 to 439.940, inclusive, *and*
35 *sections 2 to 4.9, inclusive, of this act*, unless the context otherwise
36 requires, ~~["pharmacy" means every store or shop licensed by the~~
37 ~~State Board of Pharmacy where drugs, controlled substances,~~
38 ~~poisons, medicines or chemicals are stored or possessed, or~~
39 ~~dispensed or sold at retail, or displayed for sale at retail, or where~~
40 ~~prescriptions are compounded or dispensed. The term does not~~
41 ~~include an institutional pharmacy as defined in NRS 639.0085.]~~ *the*
42 *words and terms defined in sections 2 to 3.4, inclusive, of this act*
43 *have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*



1 **Sec. 6.** NRS 439.915 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 439.915 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 ~~†~~
3 *and subsection 3 of section 4.6 of this act*, the Department shall:

4 (a) Place or cause to be placed on the Internet website
5 maintained by the Department ~~{the}~~ :

6 (1) *The* information provided by each pharmacy pursuant to
7 NRS 439.910;

8 (2) *The information compiled by a nonprofit organization*
9 *pursuant to section 4.9 of this act if such a report is submitted*
10 *pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of that section;*

11 (3) *The lists of prescription drugs compiled by the*
12 *Department pursuant to section 3.6 of this act;*

13 (4) *The wholesale acquisition cost of each prescription*
14 *drug reported pursuant to section 3.8 of this act; and*

15 (5) *The reports compiled by the Department pursuant to*
16 *sections 4.3 and 4.6 of this act.*

17 (b) Ensure that the information ~~{provided by each pharmacy~~
18 ~~pursuant to NRS 439.910 and}~~ placed on the Internet website
19 maintained by the Department *pursuant to paragraph (a)* is
20 organized so that each individual pharmacy , *manufacturer and*
21 *nonprofit organization* has its own separate entry on that website;
22 and

23 (c) Ensure that the usual and customary price that each
24 pharmacy charges for each prescription drug that is on the list
25 prepared pursuant to NRS 439.905 and that is stocked by the
26 pharmacy:

27 (1) Is presented on the Internet website maintained by the
28 Department in a manner which complies with the requirements of
29 NRS 439.920; and

30 (2) Is updated not less frequently than once each calendar
31 quarter.

32 ↪ Nothing in this subsection prohibits the Department from
33 determining the usual and customary price that a pharmacy charges
34 for a prescription drug by extracting or otherwise obtaining such
35 information from claims reported by pharmacies to the Medicaid
36 program.

37 2. If a pharmacy is part of a larger company or corporation or a
38 chain of pharmacies or retail stores, the Department may present the
39 pricing information pertaining to such a pharmacy in such a manner
40 that the pricing information is combined with the pricing
41 information relative to other pharmacies that are part of the same
42 company, corporation or chain, to the extent that the pricing
43 information does not differ among those pharmacies.

44 3. The Department may establish additional or alternative
45 procedures by which a consumer who is unable to access the



1 Internet or is otherwise unable to receive the information described
2 in subsection 1 in the manner in which it is presented by the
3 Department may obtain that information:

- 4 (a) In the form of paper records;
- 5 (b) Through the use of a telephonic system; or
- 6 (c) Using other methods or technologies designed specifically to
7 assist consumers who are hearing impaired or visually impaired.

8 4. As used in this section, "usual and customary price" means
9 the usual and customary charges that a ~~provider~~ **pharmacy** charges
10 to the general public for a drug, as described in 42 C.F.R. §
11 ~~447.331.~~ **447.512.**

12 **Sec. 6.5.** NRS 439.925 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 439.925 The Department and its members, officers and
14 employees are not liable civilly or criminally for any act, omission,
15 error or technical problem that results in:

16 1. The failure to provide to consumers information regarding a
17 pharmacy, **prescription drug or nonprofit organization**, including,
18 without limitation, the ~~prices charged by the pharmacy for the~~
19 ~~prescription drugs and generic equivalents that are on the list~~
20 ~~prepared pursuant to NRS 439.905; or~~ **information made available**
21 **on the Department's Internet website pursuant to NRS 439.915; or**

22 2. The providing to consumers of incorrect information
23 regarding a pharmacy, **prescription drug or nonprofit organization**,
24 including, without limitation, the ~~prices charged by the pharmacy~~
25 ~~for the prescription drugs and generic equivalents that are on the list~~
26 ~~prepared pursuant to NRS 439.905.~~ **information made available on**
27 **the Department's Internet website pursuant to NRS 439.915.**

28 **Sec. 7.** NRS 439.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 439.930 The Department shall adopt such regulations as it
30 determines to be necessary or advisable to carry out the provisions
31 of NRS 439.900 to 439.940, inclusive ~~1~~ , **and sections 2 to 4.9,**
32 **inclusive, of this act.** Such regulations must provide for, without
33 limitation:

34 1. Notice to consumers stating that:

35 (a) Although the Department will strive to ensure that
36 consumers receive accurate information regarding pharmacies,
37 **prescription drugs and nonprofit organizations** including, without
38 limitation, the ~~prices charged by those pharmacies for the~~
39 ~~prescription drugs and generic equivalents that are on the list~~
40 ~~prepared pursuant to NRS 439.905.~~ **information made available on**
41 **the Department's Internet website pursuant to NRS 439.915,** the
42 Department is unable to guarantee the accuracy of such information;

43 (b) If a consumer follows an Internet link from the Internet
44 website maintained by the Department to an Internet website **not**
45 maintained by ~~a pharmacy,~~ **the Department,** the Department is



1 unable to guarantee the accuracy of any information made available
2 on ~~the~~ *that* Internet website ; ~~maintained by the pharmacy;~~ and

3 (c) The Department advises consumers to contact a pharmacy ,
4 *manufacturer or nonprofit organization* directly to verify the
5 accuracy of any information regarding the pharmacy , *a prescription*
6 *drug manufactured by the manufacturer or the nonprofit*
7 *organization, as applicable*, which is made available to consumers
8 pursuant to NRS 439.900 to 439.940, inclusive ~~+~~ , *and sections 2*
9 *to 4.9, inclusive, of this act;*

10 2. Procedures adopted to direct consumers who have questions
11 regarding the program described in NRS 439.900 to 439.940,
12 inclusive, *and sections 2 to 4.9, inclusive, of this act* to contact the
13 Office for Consumer Health Assistance of the Department;

14 3. Provisions in accordance with which the Department will
15 allow an Internet link to the information ~~provided by each~~
16 ~~pharmacy pursuant to NRS 439.910 and~~ made available on the
17 Department's Internet website *pursuant to NRS 439.915* to be
18 placed on other Internet websites managed or maintained by other
19 persons and entities, including, without limitation, Internet websites
20 managed or maintained by:

21 (a) Other governmental entities, including, without limitation,
22 the State Board of Pharmacy and the Office of the Governor; and

23 (b) Nonprofit organizations and advocacy groups;

24 4. Procedures pursuant to which consumers , ~~and~~ pharmacies
25 *, manufacturers and nonprofit organizations* may report to the
26 Department that information made available to consumers pursuant
27 to NRS 439.900 to 439.940, inclusive, *and sections 2 to 4.9,*
28 *inclusive, of this act* is inaccurate;

29 5. The form and manner in which pharmacies are to provide to
30 the Department the information described in NRS 439.910; and

31 6. *The form and manner in which manufacturers are to*
32 *provide to the Department the information described in sections*
33 *3.8, 4 and 4.6 of this act;*

34 7. *The form and manner in which pharmacy benefit*
35 *managers are to provide to the Department the information*
36 *described in section 4.2 of this act;*

37 8. *The form and manner in which pharmaceutical sales*
38 *representatives are to provide to the Department the information*
39 *described in section 4.6 of this act;*

40 9. *The form and manner in which nonprofit organizations*
41 *are to provide to the Department the information described in*
42 *section 4.9 of this act, if required; and*

43 10. Standards and criteria pursuant to which the Department
44 may remove from its Internet website information regarding a
45 pharmacy or an Internet link to the Internet website maintained by a



1 pharmacy, or both, if the Department determines that the pharmacy
2 has:

3 (a) Ceased to be licensed and in good standing pursuant to
4 chapter 639 of NRS; or

5 (b) Engaged in a pattern of providing to consumers information
6 that is false or would be misleading to reasonably informed persons.

7 **Sec. 7.5.** NRS 439.935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 439.935 1. On or before July 1 of each odd-numbered year,
9 the Department shall make a determination of whether sufficient
10 money is available and authorized for expenditure to fund one or
11 more components of the programs and other duties of the
12 Department relating to NRS 439.900 to 439.940, inclusive **H**, and
13 *sections 2 to 4.9, inclusive, of this act.*

14 2. The Department shall temporarily suspend any components
15 of the program or duties of the Department for which it determines
16 pursuant to subsection 1 that sufficient money is not available.

17 3. The Department may apply for and accept any available
18 grants and may accept any bequests, devises, donations or gifts from
19 any public or private source to carry out the provisions of NRS
20 439.900 to 439.940, inclusive **H**, and *sections 2 to 4.9, inclusive,*
21 *of this act.*

22 **Sec. 8.** NRS 439.940 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 439.940 1. If a pharmacy that is licensed under the provisions
24 of chapter 639 of NRS and is located within the State of Nevada
25 fails to provide to the Department the information required to be
26 provided pursuant to NRS 439.910 or fails to provide such
27 information on a timely basis, and the failure was not caused by
28 excusable neglect, technical problems or other extenuating
29 circumstances, the Department may impose against the pharmacy an
30 administrative penalty of not more than \$500 for each day of such
31 failure.

32 2. *If a manufacturer fails to provide to the Department the*
33 *information required by section 3.8, 4 or 4.6 of this act, a*
34 *pharmacy benefit manager fails to provide to the Department the*
35 *information required by section 4.2 of this act, a nonprofit*
36 *organization fails to post or provide to the Department, as*
37 *applicable, the information required by section 4.9 of this act or a*
38 *manufacturer, pharmacy benefit manager or nonprofit*
39 *organization fails to post or provide, as applicable, such*
40 *information on a timely basis, and the failure was not caused by*
41 *excusable neglect, technical problems or other extenuating*
42 *circumstances, the Department may impose against the*
43 *manufacturer, pharmacy benefit manager or nonprofit*
44 *organization, as applicable, an administrative penalty of not more*
45 *than \$5,000 for each day of such failure.*



1 3. *If a pharmaceutical sales representative fails to comply*
2 *with the requirements of section 4.6 of this act, the Department*
3 *may impose against the pharmaceutical sales representative an*
4 *administrative penalty of not more than \$500 for each day of such*
5 *failure.*

6 4. *Any money collected as administrative penalties pursuant*
7 *to this section must be accounted for separately and used by the*
8 *Department to establish and carry out programs to provide*
9 *education concerning diabetes and prevent diabetes.*

10 **Sec. 8.6.** Chapter 394 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
11 thereto a new section to read as follows:

12 1. *The parent or legal guardian of a pupil who has asthma,*
13 *anaphylaxis or diabetes may submit a written request to the*
14 *principal or, if applicable, the school nurse of the private school in*
15 *which the pupil is enrolled to allow the pupil to self-administer*
16 *medication for the treatment of the pupil's asthma, anaphylaxis or*
17 *diabetes while the pupil is on the grounds of the private school,*
18 *participating in an activity sponsored by the private school or on a*
19 *school bus.*

20 2. *A private school shall establish protocols for containing*
21 *blood-borne pathogens and the handling and disposal of needles,*
22 *medical devices and other medical waste and provide a copy of*
23 *these protocols and procedures to the parent or guardian of a*
24 *pupil who requests permission for the pupil to self-administer*
25 *medication pursuant to subsection 1.*

26 3. *A written request made pursuant to subsection 1 must*
27 *include:*

28 (a) *A signed statement of a physician indicating that the pupil*
29 *has asthma, anaphylaxis or diabetes and is capable of self-*
30 *administration of the medication while the pupil is on the grounds*
31 *of the private school, participating in an activity sponsored by the*
32 *private school or on a school bus;*

33 (b) *A written treatment plan prepared by the physician*
34 *pursuant to which the pupil will manage his or her asthma,*
35 *anaphylaxis or diabetes if the pupil experiences an asthmatic*
36 *attack, anaphylactic shock or diabetic episode while on the*
37 *grounds of the private school, participating in an activity*
38 *sponsored by the private school or on a school bus; and*

39 (c) *A signed statement of the parent or legal guardian:*

40 (1) *Indicating that the parent or legal guardian grants*
41 *permission for the pupil to self-administer the medication while*
42 *the pupil is on the grounds of the private school, participating in*
43 *an activity sponsored by the private school or on a school bus;*

44 (2) *Acknowledging that the parent or legal guardian is*
45 *aware of and understands the provisions of subsections 4 and 5;*



1 (3) *Acknowledging the receipt of the protocols provided*
2 *pursuant to subsection 2;*

3 (4) *Acknowledging that the protocols established pursuant*
4 *to subsection 2 have been explained to the pupil who will self-*
5 *administer the medication and that he or she has agreed to comply*
6 *with the protocols; and*

7 (5) *Acknowledging that authorization to self-administer*
8 *medication pursuant to this section may be revoked if the pupil*
9 *fails to comply with the protocols established pursuant to*
10 *subsection 2.*

11 4. *The provisions of this section do not create a duty for the*
12 *private school in which the pupil is enrolled, or an employee or*
13 *agent thereof, that is in addition to those duties otherwise required*
14 *in the course of service or employment.*

15 5. *If a pupil is granted authorization pursuant to this section*
16 *to self-administer medication, the governing body of the private*
17 *school in which the pupil is enrolled, the private school and any*
18 *employee or agent thereof, are immune from liability for the*
19 *injury to or death of:*

20 (a) *The pupil as a result of self-administration of a medication*
21 *pursuant to this section or the failure of the pupil to self-*
22 *administer such a medication; and*

23 (b) *Any other person as a result of exposure to or injury*
24 *caused by needles, medical devices or other medical waste from*
25 *the self-administration of medication by a pupil pursuant to this*
26 *section.*

27 6. *Upon receipt of a request that complies with subsection 3,*
28 *the principal or, if applicable, the school nurse of the private*
29 *school in which the pupil is enrolled shall provide written*
30 *authorization for the pupil to carry and self-administer medication*
31 *to treat his or her asthma, anaphylaxis or diabetes while the pupil*
32 *is on the grounds of the private school, participating in an activity*
33 *sponsored by the private school or on a school bus. The written*
34 *authorization must be filed with the principal or, if applicable, the*
35 *school nurse of the private school in which the pupil is enrolled*
36 *and must include:*

37 (a) *The name and purpose of the medication which the pupil is*
38 *authorized to self-administer;*

39 (b) *The prescribed dosage and the duration of the prescription;*

40 (c) *The times or circumstances, or both, during which the*
41 *medication is required or recommended for self-administration;*

42 (d) *The side effects that may occur from an administration of*
43 *the medication;*



1 (e) *The name and telephone number of the pupil's physician*
2 *and the name and telephone number of the person to contact in*
3 *the case of a medical emergency concerning the pupil; and*

4 (f) *The procedures for the handling and disposal of needles,*
5 *medical devices and other medical waste.*

6 7. *The written authorization provided pursuant to subsection*
7 *6 is valid for 1 school year. If a parent or legal guardian submits a*
8 *written request that complies with subsection 3, the principal or, if*
9 *applicable, the school nurse of the private school in which the*
10 *pupil is enrolled shall renew and, if necessary, revise the written*
11 *authorization.*

12 8. *If a parent or legal guardian of a pupil who is authorized*
13 *pursuant to this section to carry medication on his or her person*
14 *provides to the principal or, if applicable, the school nurse of the*
15 *private school in which the pupil is enrolled doses of the*
16 *medication in addition to the dosage that the pupil carries on his*
17 *or her person, the principal or, if applicable, the school nurse*
18 *shall ensure that the additional medication is:*

19 (a) *Stored on the premises of the private school in a location*
20 *that is secure; and*

21 (b) *Readily available if the pupil experiences an asthmatic*
22 *attack, anaphylactic shock or diabetic episode during school*
23 *hours.*

24 9. *An employee of a private school who willfully violates any*
25 *provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.*

26 10. *As used in this section:*

27 (a) *"Medication" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
28 *NRS 392.425.*

29 (b) *"Physician" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
30 *NRS 392.425.*

31 (c) *"Self-administer" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
32 *NRS 392.425.*

33 **Sec. 9.** NRS 600A.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:
34 600A.030 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
35 requires:

36 1. "Improper means" includes, without limitation:

37 (a) Theft;

38 (b) Bribery;

39 (c) Misrepresentation;

40 (d) Willful breach or willful inducement of a breach of a duty to
41 maintain secrecy;

42 (e) Willful breach or willful inducement of a breach of a duty
43 imposed by common law, statute, contract, license, protective order
44 or other court or administrative order; and

45 (f) Espionage through electronic or other means.



- 1 2. "Misappropriation" means:
2 (a) Acquisition of the trade secret of another by a person by
3 improper means;
4 (b) Acquisition of a trade secret of another by a person who
5 knows or has reason to know that the trade secret was acquired by
6 improper means; or
7 (c) Disclosure or use of a trade secret of another without express
8 or implied consent by a person who:
9 (1) Used improper means to acquire knowledge of the trade
10 secret;
11 (2) At the time of disclosure or use, knew or had reason to
12 know that his or her knowledge of the trade secret was:
13 (I) Derived from or through a person who had used
14 improper means to acquire it;
15 (II) Acquired under circumstances giving rise to a duty to
16 maintain its secrecy or limit its use; or
17 (III) Derived from or through a person who owed a duty
18 to the person seeking relief to maintain its secrecy or limit its use; or
19 (3) Before a material change of his or her position, knew or
20 had reason to know that it was a trade secret and that knowledge of
21 it had been acquired by accident or mistake.
22 3. "Owner" means the person who holds legal or equitable title
23 to a trade secret.
24 4. "Person" means a natural person, corporation, business trust,
25 estate, trust, partnership, association, joint venture, government,
26 governmental subdivision or agency, or any other legal or
27 commercial entity.
28 5. "Trade secret" ~~means~~ :
29 (a) *Means* information, including, without limitation, a formula,
30 pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, product,
31 system, process, design, prototype, procedure, computer
32 programming instruction or code that:
33 ~~(a)~~ (1) Derives independent economic value, actual or
34 potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily
35 ascertainable by proper means by the public or any other persons
36 who can obtain commercial or economic value from its disclosure or
37 use; and
38 ~~(b)~~ (2) Is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the
39 circumstances to maintain its secrecy.
40 (b) *Does not include any information that a manufacturer is*
41 *required to report pursuant to section 3.8 or 4 of this act,*
42 *information that a pharmaceutical sales representative is required*
43 *to report pursuant to section 4.6 of this act or information that a*
44 *pharmacy benefit manager is required to report pursuant to*



1 *section 4.2 of this act, to the extent that such information is*
2 *required to be disclosed by those sections.*

3 **Sec. 10.** Chapter 683A of NRS is hereby amended by adding
4 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 11 to 21, inclusive, of this
5 act.

6 **Sec. 11.** (Deleted by amendment.)

7 **Sec. 12.** *As used in sections 12 to 21, inclusive, of this act,*
8 *unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined*
9 *in sections 13 to 16, inclusive, of this act have the meanings*
10 *ascribed to them in those sections.*

11 **Sec. 13.** *“Covered person” means a person who is covered by*
12 *a pharmacy benefits plan.*

13 **Sec. 14.** *“Pharmacy” has the meaning ascribed to it in*
14 *NRS 639.012.*

15 **Sec. 14.5.** *“Pharmacy benefit manager” means an entity that*
16 *contracts with or is employed by a third party and manages the*
17 *pharmacy benefits plan provided by the third party.*

18 **Sec. 15.** *“Pharmacy benefits plan” means coverage of*
19 *prescription drugs provided by a third party.*

20 **Sec. 16.** *“Third party” means:*

21 *1. An insurer, as that term is defined in NRS 679B.540;*

22 *2. A health benefit plan, as that term is defined in NRS*
23 *689A.540, for employees which provides a pharmacy benefits*
24 *plan;*

25 *3. A participating public agency, as that term is defined in*
26 *NRS 287.04052, and any other local governmental agency of the*
27 *State of Nevada which provides a system of health insurance for*
28 *the benefit of its officers and employees, and the dependents of*
29 *officers and employees, pursuant to chapter 287 of NRS; or*

30 *4. Any other insurer or organization that provides health*
31 *coverage or benefits or coverage of prescription drugs as part of*
32 *workers’ compensation insurance in accordance with state or*
33 *federal law.*

34 *↳ The term does not include an insurer that provides coverage*
35 *under a policy of casualty or property insurance.*

36 **Sec. 17.** *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,*
37 *the requirements of sections 12 to 21, inclusive, of this act and any*
38 *regulations adopted by the Commissioner pursuant thereto do not*
39 *apply to the coverage of prescription drugs under a plan that is*
40 *subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974*
41 *or any information relating to such coverage.*

42 *2. A plan described in subsection 1 may, by contract, require*
43 *a pharmacy benefit manager that manages the coverage of*
44 *prescription drugs under the plan to comply with the requirements*



1 *of sections 12 to 21, inclusive, of this act and any regulations*
2 *adopted by the Commissioner pursuant thereto.*

3 **Sec. 18.** (Deleted by amendment.)

4 **Sec. 19.** *A pharmacy benefit manager has a fiduciary duty to*
5 *a third party with which the pharmacy benefit manager has*
6 *entered into a contract to manage the pharmacy benefits plan of*
7 *the third party and shall notify the third party in writing of any*
8 *activity, policy or practice of the pharmacy benefit manager that*
9 *presents a conflict of interest that interferes with the ability of the*
10 *pharmacy benefit manager to discharge that fiduciary duty.*

11 **Sec. 20.** *1. A pharmacy benefit manager shall not:*

12 *(a) Prohibit a pharmacist or pharmacy from providing*
13 *information to a covered person concerning the amount of any*
14 *copayment or coinsurance for a prescription drug or informing a*
15 *covered person concerning the clinical efficacy of a less expensive*
16 *alternative drug;*

17 *(b) Penalize a pharmacist or pharmacy for providing the*
18 *information described in paragraph (a) or selling a less expensive*
19 *alternative drug to a covered person;*

20 *(c) Prohibit a pharmacy from offering or providing delivery*
21 *services directly to a covered person as an ancillary service of the*
22 *pharmacy; or*

23 *(d) If the pharmacy benefit manager manages a pharmacy*
24 *benefits plan that provides coverage through a network plan,*
25 *charge a copayment or coinsurance for a prescription drug in an*
26 *amount that is greater than the total amount paid to a pharmacy*
27 *that is in the network of providers under contract with the third*
28 *party.*

29 *2. As used in this section, "network plan" means a health*
30 *benefit plan offered by a health carrier under which the financing*
31 *and delivery of medical care is provided, in whole or in part,*
32 *through a defined set of providers under contract with the carrier.*
33 *The term does not include an arrangement for the financing of*
34 *premiums.*

35 **Sec. 21.** (Deleted by amendment.)

36 **Sec. 22.** (Deleted by amendment.)

37 **Sec. 23.** (Deleted by amendment.)

38 **Sec. 24.** (Deleted by amendment.)

39 **Sec. 25.** (Deleted by amendment.)

40 **Sec. 26.** (Deleted by amendment.)

41 **Sec. 26.3.** NRS 689A.405 is hereby amended to read as
42 follows:

43 689A.405 1. An insurer that offers or issues a policy of
44 health insurance which provides coverage for prescription drugs
45 shall include with any summary, certificate or evidence of that



1 coverage provided to an insured, notice of whether a formulary is
2 used and, if so, of the opportunity to secure information regarding
3 the formulary from the insurer pursuant to subsection 2. The notice
4 required by this subsection must:

5 (a) Be in a language that is easily understood and in a format
6 that is easy to understand;

7 (b) Include an explanation of what a formulary is; and

8 (c) If a formulary is used, include:

9 (1) An explanation of:

10 (I) How often the contents of the formulary are reviewed;
11 and

12 (II) The procedure and criteria for determining which
13 prescription drugs are included in and excluded from the formulary;
14 and

15 (2) The telephone number of the insurer for making a request
16 for information regarding the formulary pursuant to subsection 2.

17 2. If an insurer offers or issues a policy of health insurance
18 which provides coverage for prescription drugs and a formulary is
19 used, the insurer shall:

20 (a) Provide to any insured or participating provider of health
21 care, upon request:

22 (1) Information regarding whether a specific drug is included
23 in the formulary.

24 (2) Access to the most current list of prescription drugs in the
25 formulary, organized by major therapeutic category, with an
26 indication of whether any listed drugs are preferred over other listed
27 drugs. If more than one formulary is maintained, the insurer shall
28 notify the requester that a choice of formulary lists is available.

29 (b) Notify each person who requests information regarding the
30 formulary, that the inclusion of a drug in the formulary does not
31 guarantee that a provider of health care will prescribe that drug for a
32 particular medical condition.

33 *(c) During each period for open enrollment, publish on an
34 Internet website that is operated by the insurer and accessible to
35 the public or include in any enrollment materials distributed by
36 the insurer a notice of all prescription drugs that:*

37 *(1) Are included on the most recent list of drugs that are
38 essential for treating diabetes in this State compiled by the
39 Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to subsection
40 1 of section 3.6 of this act; and*

41 *(2) Have been removed or will be removed from the
42 formulary during the current plan year or the next plan year.*

43 *(d) Update the notice required by paragraph (c) throughout
44 the period for open enrollment.*



1 **Sec. 26.6.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380
2 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
3 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

4 **Sec. 26.9.** 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act
5 to the contrary:

6 (a) On or before November 1, 2017, the Department of Health
7 and Human Services shall place on the Internet website maintained
8 by the Department the information prescribed by section 3.6 of this
9 act.

10 (b) On or before July 1, 2018:

11 (1) The manufacturer of a drug included on the list:

12 (I) Described in subsection 1 of section 3.6 of this act
13 shall submit to the Department a report which includes the
14 information prescribed by section 3.8 of this act.

15 (II) Described in subsection 2 of section 3.6 of this act
16 shall submit to the Department a report which includes the
17 information prescribed by section 4 of this act.

18 (2) A pharmacy benefit manager shall submit to the
19 Department a report which includes the information prescribed by
20 section 4.2 of this act.

21 (c) On or before September 1, 2018, the Department shall
22 analyze the reports submitted pursuant to paragraph (b) and compile
23 and post on the Internet website maintained by the Department the
24 initial report required by section 4.3 of this act.

25 2. As used in this section:

26 (a) "Manufacturer" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 2 of
27 this act.

28 (b) "Pharmacy benefit manager" has the meaning ascribed to it
29 in section 14.5 of this act.

30 **Sec. 27.** 1. The provisions of sections 19 and 20 of this act
31 do not apply to any contract existing on January 1, 2018, for the
32 pharmacy benefit manager to manage a pharmacy benefits plan for a
33 third party until the contract is renewed.

34 2. As used in this section:

35 (a) "Pharmacy benefit manager" has the meaning ascribed to it
36 in section 14.5 of this act.

37 (b) "Pharmacy benefits plan" has the meaning ascribed to it in
38 section 15 of this act.

39 (c) "Third party" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 16 of
40 this act.

41 **Sec. 28.** 1. This section and section 26.9 of this act become
42 effective upon passage and approval.

43 2. Section 8.6 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

44 3. Sections 1 to 6.5, inclusive, 7.5, 8, 9 and 26.6 of this act
45 become effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of



1 adopting regulations and performing any other administrative tasks
2 that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act and on
3 October 1, 2017, for all other purposes.

4 4. Sections 10 to 26.3, inclusive, and 27 of this act become
5 effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting
6 regulations and performing any other administrative tasks that are
7 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act and on January 1,
8 2018, for all other purposes.

9 5. Section 7 of this act becomes effective upon passage and
10 approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any
11 other administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the
12 provisions of this act and on May 1, 2018, for all other purposes.

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