

Amendment No. 435

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 434	(BDR 57-652)
<b>Proposed by:</b> Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor	
<b>Amends:</b> Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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A.B. No. 434—Revises provisions governing prescription drugs. (BDR 57-652)





ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 434—COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MARCH 27, 2023

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing prescription drugs. (BDR 57-652)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
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; prohibiting ~~the~~ ***certain*** pharmacy benefit ~~manager or~~ ***managers and*** health ~~carrier~~ ***carriers*** from taking certain actions against entities that participate in a federal program to facilitate the discounted purchase of prescription drugs; prohibiting a program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services to provide therapeutics to persons with human immunodeficiency virus from taking similar actions; imposing certain limitations on the use of money available to administer the program to provide therapeutics to persons with human immunodeficiency virus; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing federal law creates a program, known as the 340B Program, by which certain  
2 hospitals and other facilities that provide health care to low-income patients are able to  
3 purchase certain drugs at discounted rates. (42 U.S.C. § 256b) Existing law prohibits a  
4 pharmacy benefit manger from prohibiting a pharmacist or pharmacy from taking certain  
5 actions to assist a person in obtaining a less expensive alternative or generic drug. (NRS  
6 683A.179) Existing law imposes certain requirements relating to the operation of health  
7 carriers. (NRS 687B.470-687B.850) **Sections 1, 3, 6 and 7** of this bill prohibit pharmacy  
8 benefit managers and health carriers, including governmental entities that provide coverage  
9 for employees, from: (1) discriminating against a covered entity that participates in the 340B  
10 Program to purchase drugs at a discounted rate or a pharmacy that contracts with such an  
11 entity with regard to reimbursement; (2) taking certain actions to limit the ability of such an  
12 entity or pharmacy to receive the full benefit of participating in that program; (3) excluding  
13 such an entity or pharmacy from an insurance network because the entity or pharmacy  
14 participates in that program; (4) restricting the ability of a person to receive a 340B drug; or  
15 (5) taking certain other actions to limit the participation of an entity or pharmacy in the  
16 Program. ***Section 1 exempts from those prohibitions a pharmacy benefit manager that***  
17 ***manages prescription drug benefits under Medicaid where reimbursement is provided***  
18 ***on a fee-for-service basis. Sections 2, 4 and 5*** of this bill make conforming changes to  
19 indicate the proper placement of **sections 1 and 3** in the Nevada Revised Statutes.

20 Existing law authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to administer a  
21 program pursuant to federal law to provide therapeutics to treat certain persons who have been  
22 diagnosed with the human immunodeficiency virus. (NRS 439.529) **Section 9** of this bill

23 prescribes certain limitations on the use of money allocated to the program. **Section 8** of this  
 24 bill requires the program to take certain actions and refrain from certain activity to ensure that  
 25 a covered provider that participates in the 340B Program to purchase drugs at a discounted  
 26 rate or a pharmacy that contracts with such a provider receives the full benefit of participating  
 27 in the Program. **Section 8** additionally prohibits the program administered by the Department  
 28 from: (1) denying a request from such a covered provider or contract pharmacy to participate  
 29 in the network of the program in certain circumstances; or (2) engaging in certain  
 30 discrimination against a covered provider or contract pharmacy.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 683A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new  
 2 section to read as follows:

3 *1. A pharmacy benefit manager shall not:*

4 *(a) Discriminate against a covered entity, a contract pharmacy or a 340B*  
 5 *drug in the amount of reimbursement for any item or service or the procedures*  
 6 *for obtaining such reimbursement;*

7 *(b) Assess any fee, chargeback, clawback or adjustment against a covered*  
 8 *entity or contract pharmacy on the basis that the covered entity or contract*  
 9 *pharmacy dispenses a 340B drug or otherwise limit the ability of a covered entity*  
 10 *or contract pharmacy to receive the full benefit of purchasing the 340B drug at or*  
 11 *below the ceiling price, as calculated pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 256b(a)(1);*

12 *(c) Exclude a covered entity or contract pharmacy from any network because*  
 13 *the covered entity or contract pharmacy dispenses a 340B drug;*

14 *(d) Restrict the ability of a person to receive a 340B drug ~~to~~, including,*  
 15 *without limitation, by imposing a copayment, coinsurance, deductible or other*  
 16 *cost-sharing obligation on the drug that is different from a similar drug on the*  
 17 *basis that the drug is a 340B drug;*

18 *(e) Restrict the methods by which a covered entity or contract pharmacy may*  
 19 *dispense or deliver a 340B drug or the entity through which a covered entity may*  
 20 *dispense or deliver such a drug in a manner that does not apply to drugs that are*  
 21 *not 340B drugs; or*

22 *(f) Prohibit a covered entity or contract pharmacy from purchasing a 340B*  
 23 *drug or interfere with the ability of a covered entity or contract pharmacy to*  
 24 *purchase a 340B drug.*

25 *2. This section does not apply to a pharmacy benefit manager that has*  
 26 *entered into a contract with the Department of Health and Human Services*  
 27 *pursuant to NRS 422.4053 when the pharmacy benefit manager is managing*  
 28 *prescription drug benefits under Medicaid where reimbursement is provided on a*  
 29 *fee-for-service basis.*

30 *3. As used in this section:*

31 *(a) "340B drug" means a prescription drug that is purchased by ~~an~~ a*  
 32 *covered entity ~~that participates in~~ under the 340B Program . ~~], and that is~~*  
 33 *~~dispensed by a covered entity.]~~*

34 *(b) "340B Program" means the drug pricing program established by the*  
 35 *United States Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to section 340B*  
 36 *of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. § 256b, as amended.*

37 *(c) "Contract pharmacy" means a pharmacy that enters into a contract with*  
 38 *a covered entity to dispense 340B drugs and provide related pharmacy services to*  
 39 *the patients of the covered entity.*

40 *(d) "Covered entity" has the meaning ascribed to it in 42 U.S.C. § 256b(a)(4).*

1           (e) “Network” means a defined set of providers of health care who are under  
2 contract with a pharmacy benefit manager or third party to provide health care  
3 services to covered persons.

4           **Sec. 2.** NRS 683A.171 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5           683A.171 As used in NRS 683A.171 to 683A.179, inclusive, *and section 1 of*  
6 *this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS  
7 683A.172 to 683A.176, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those  
8 sections.

9           **Sec. 3.** Chapter 687B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new  
10 section to read as follows:

11           1. A ~~pharmacy benefit manager~~ health carrier shall not:

12           (a) *Discriminate against a covered entity, a contract pharmacy or a 340B*  
13 *drug in the amount of reimbursement for any item or service or the procedures*  
14 *for obtaining such reimbursement;*

15           (b) *Assess any fee, chargeback, clawback or adjustment against a covered*  
16 *entity or contract pharmacy on the basis that the covered entity or contract*  
17 *pharmacy dispenses a 340B drug or otherwise limit the ability of a covered entity*  
18 *or contract pharmacy to receive the full benefit of purchasing the 340B drug at or*  
19 *below the ceiling price, as calculated pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 256b(a)(1);*

20           (c) *Exclude a covered entity or contract pharmacy from any network because*  
21 *the covered entity or contract pharmacy dispenses a 340B drug;*

22           (d) *Restrict the ability of a person to receive a 340B drug ~~for~~, including,*  
23 *without limitation, by imposing a copayment, coinsurance, deductible or other*  
24 *cost-sharing obligation on the drug that is different from a similar drug on the*  
25 *basis that the drug is a 340B drug;*

26           (e) *Restrict the methods by which a covered entity or contract pharmacy may*  
27 *dispense or deliver a 340B drug or the entity through which a covered entity may*  
28 *dispense or deliver such a drug in a manner that does not apply to drugs that are*  
29 *not 340B drugs; or*

30           (f) *Prohibit a covered entity or contract pharmacy from purchasing a 340B*  
31 *drug or interfere with the ability of a covered entity or contract pharmacy to*  
32 *purchase a 340B drug.*

33           2. As used in this section:

34           (a) “340B drug” means a prescription drug that is purchased by ~~an~~ a  
35 covered entity [that participates in] under the 340B Program . . . and that is  
36 dispensed by a covered entity.

37           (b) “340B Program” means the drug pricing program established by the  
38 United States Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to section 340B  
39 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. § 256b, as amended.

40           (c) “Contract pharmacy” means a pharmacy that enters into a contract with  
41 a covered entity to dispense 340B drugs and provide related pharmacy services to  
42 the patients of the covered entity.

43           (d) “Covered entity” has the meaning ascribed to it in 42 U.S.C. § 256b(a)(4).

44           ~~“(c) “Pharmacy benefit manager” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS~~  
45 ~~683A.174.]~~

46           **Sec. 4.** NRS 687B.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

47           687B.600 As used in NRS 687B.600 to 687B.850, inclusive, *and section 3 of*  
48 *this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS  
49 687B.602 to 687B.665, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those  
50 sections.

51           **Sec. 5.** NRS 687B.670 is hereby amended to read as follows:

52           687B.670 If a health carrier offers or issues a network plan, the health carrier  
53 shall, with regard to that network plan:

1 1. Comply with all applicable requirements set forth in NRS 687B.600 to  
2 687B.850, inclusive ~~§~~, *and section 3 of this act*;

3 2. As applicable, ensure that each contract entered into for the purposes of the  
4 network plan between a participating provider of health care and the health carrier  
5 complies with the requirements set forth in NRS 687B.600 to 687B.850, inclusive  
6 ~~§~~, *and section 3 of this act*; and

7 3. As applicable, ensure that the network plan complies with the requirements  
8 set forth in NRS 687B.600 to 687B.850, inclusive ~~§~~, *and section 3 of this act*.

9 **Sec. 6.** NRS 287.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 287.010 1. The governing body of any county, school district, municipal  
11 corporation, political subdivision, public corporation or other local governmental  
12 agency of the State of Nevada may:

13 (a) Adopt and carry into effect a system of group life, accident or health  
14 insurance, or any combination thereof, for the benefit of its officers and employees,  
15 and the dependents of officers and employees who elect to accept the insurance and  
16 who, where necessary, have authorized the governing body to make deductions  
17 from their compensation for the payment of premiums on the insurance.

18 (b) Purchase group policies of life, accident or health insurance, or any  
19 combination thereof, for the benefit of such officers and employees, and the  
20 dependents of such officers and employees, as have authorized the purchase, from  
21 insurance companies authorized to transact the business of such insurance in the  
22 State of Nevada, and, where necessary, deduct from the compensation of officers  
23 and employees the premiums upon insurance and pay the deductions upon the  
24 premiums.

25 (c) Provide group life, accident or health coverage through a self-insurance  
26 reserve fund and, where necessary, deduct contributions to the maintenance of the  
27 fund from the compensation of officers and employees and pay the deductions into  
28 the fund. The money accumulated for this purpose through deductions from the  
29 compensation of officers and employees and contributions of the governing body  
30 must be maintained as an internal service fund as defined by NRS 354.543. The  
31 money must be deposited in a state or national bank or credit union authorized to  
32 transact business in the State of Nevada. Any independent administrator of a fund  
33 created under this section is subject to the licensing requirements of chapter 683A  
34 of NRS, and must be a resident of this State. Any contract with an independent  
35 administrator must be approved by the Commissioner of Insurance as to the  
36 reasonableness of administrative charges in relation to contributions collected and  
37 benefits provided. The provisions of NRS 686A.135, 687B.352, 687B.408,  
38 687B.723, 687B.725, 689B.030 to 689B.050, inclusive, 689B.265, 689B.287 and  
39 689B.500 *and section 3 of this act* apply to coverage provided pursuant to this  
40 paragraph, except that the provisions of NRS 689B.0378, 689B.03785 and  
41 689B.500 only apply to coverage for active officers and employees of the  
42 governing body, or the dependents of such officers and employees.

43 (d) Defray part or all of the cost of maintenance of a self-insurance fund or of  
44 the premiums upon insurance. The money for contributions must be budgeted for in  
45 accordance with the laws governing the county, school district, municipal  
46 corporation, political subdivision, public corporation or other local governmental  
47 agency of the State of Nevada.

48 2. If a school district offers group insurance to its officers and employees  
49 pursuant to this section, members of the board of trustees of the school district must  
50 not be excluded from participating in the group insurance. If the amount of the  
51 deductions from compensation required to pay for the group insurance exceeds the  
52 compensation to which a trustee is entitled, the difference must be paid by the  
53 trustee.

1           3. In any county in which a legal services organization exists, the governing  
2 body of the county, or of any school district, municipal corporation, political  
3 subdivision, public corporation or other local governmental agency of the State of  
4 Nevada in the county, may enter into a contract with the legal services organization  
5 pursuant to which the officers and employees of the legal services organization, and  
6 the dependents of those officers and employees, are eligible for any life, accident or  
7 health insurance provided pursuant to this section to the officers and employees,  
8 and the dependents of the officers and employees, of the county, school district,  
9 municipal corporation, political subdivision, public corporation or other local  
10 governmental agency.

11           4. If a contract is entered into pursuant to subsection 3, the officers and  
12 employees of the legal services organization:

13           (a) Shall be deemed, solely for the purposes of this section, to be officers and  
14 employees of the county, school district, municipal corporation, political  
15 subdivision, public corporation or other local governmental agency with which the  
16 legal services organization has contracted; and

17           (b) Must be required by the contract to pay the premiums or contributions for  
18 all insurance which they elect to accept or of which they authorize the purchase.

19           5. A contract that is entered into pursuant to subsection 3:

20           (a) Must be submitted to the Commissioner of Insurance for approval not less  
21 than 30 days before the date on which the contract is to become effective.

22           (b) Does not become effective unless approved by the Commissioner.

23           (c) Shall be deemed to be approved if not disapproved by the Commissioner  
24 within 30 days after its submission.

25           6. As used in this section, "legal services organization" means an organization  
26 that operates a program for legal aid and receives money pursuant to NRS 19.031.

27           **Sec. 7.** NRS 287.04335 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28           287.04335 If the Board provides health insurance through a plan of self-  
29 insurance, it shall comply with the provisions of NRS 686A.135, 687B.352,  
30 687B.409, 687B.723, 687B.725, 689B.0353, 689B.255, 695C.1723, 695G.150,  
31 695G.155, 695G.160, 695G.162, 695G.1635, 695G.164, 695G.1645, 695G.1665,  
32 695G.167, 695G.1675, 695G.170 to 695G.174, inclusive, 695G.176, 695G.177,  
33 695G.200 to 695G.230, inclusive, 695G.241 to 695G.310, inclusive, and 695G.405,  
34 **and section 3 of this act**, in the same manner as an insurer that is licensed pursuant  
35 to title 57 of NRS is required to comply with those provisions.

36           **Sec. 8.** Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new  
37 section to read as follows:

38           ***1. If the Department administers a program pursuant to NRS 439.529:***

39           ***(a) The program may not prohibit or interfere with the ability of a covered***  
40 ***provider or contract pharmacy to purchase, administer or dispense, as applicable,***  
41 ***a 340B drug, regardless of whether the drug is dispensed or administered to a***  
42 ***person participating in the program or whether the program pays all, part or***  
43 ***none of the cost of the drug.***

44           ***(b) When a covered provider or contract pharmacy dispenses or administers***  
45 ***a drug that is eligible to be a 340B drug to a person participating in the program***  
46 ***and the program pays the insurance premium of the person and the copayment,***  
47 ***coinsurance, deductible or other cost-sharing obligation of the person, the***  
48 ***program shall pay to the covered provider or contract pharmacy the full amount***  
49 ***of the copayment, coinsurance, deductible or other cost-sharing obligation,***  
50 ***regardless of whether the drug is a 340B drug.***

51           ***(c) The program may not deny a request from a covered provider or contract***  
52 ***pharmacy to be included in the network of the program if the covered provider or***  
53 ***contract pharmacy:***

1           (1) *Meets the terms and conditions for participation in the network of the*  
2 *program; and*

3           (2) *Requests to participate in the network of the program.*

4           (d) *The program shall not treat a covered provider or contract pharmacy*  
5 *differently from an entity that does not participate in the 340B Program or a*  
6 *pharmacy that has contracted with a covered provider, as applicable, in any*  
7 *manner, including, without limitation:*

8           (1) *In any regulation, guidance, policy, procedure or contract;*

9           (2) *With regard to participation in the network of the program; or*

10           (3) *In any matter relating to the dispensing of drugs or billing and*  
11 *reimbursement for drugs.*

12           2. *As used in this section:*

13           (a) *“340B drug” means a prescription drug that is purchased under the 340B*  
14 *Program.*

15           (b) *“340B Program” means the drug pricing program established by the*  
16 *United States Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to section 340B*  
17 *of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. § 256b, as amended.*

18           (c) *“Contract pharmacy” means a pharmacy that enters into a contract with*  
19 *a covered provider to dispense 340B drugs and provide related pharmacy services*  
20 *to the patients of the covered provider.*

21           (d) *“Covered entity” has the meaning ascribed to it in 42 U.S.C. § 256b(a)(4).*

22           (e) *“Covered provider” means a covered entity other than the program*  
23 *established pursuant to NRS 439.529.*

24           (f) *“Network” means a defined set of providers of health care who are under*  
25 *contract with any program established pursuant to NRS 439.529 to provide health*  
26 *care services to persons who participate in the program.*

27           **Sec. 9.** NRS 439.529 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28           439.529 1. The Department may, to the extent that money is available,  
29 administer a program pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 300ff-21 et seq. to provide  
30 therapeutics to treat certain persons who have been diagnosed with the human  
31 immunodeficiency virus and to prevent the serious deterioration of the health of  
32 such persons. The program may include the provision of subsidies and  
33 pharmaceutical services.

34           2. The Director shall:

35           (a) Establish the criteria for eligibility for participation in the program  
36 administered pursuant to this section, which must be in accordance with the  
37 provisions of 42 U.S.C. §§ 300ff-21 et seq.; and

38           (b) Prescribe the manner in which the program will be administered and  
39 services will be provided.

40           3. The Department may use any other program administered by the  
41 Department to facilitate the provision of subsidies and services pursuant to this  
42 section, including, without limitation, the provision of subsidies for pharmaceutical  
43 services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities pursuant to NRS 439.635 to  
44 439.690, inclusive. If the Department uses another program to facilitate the  
45 provision of subsidies and services pursuant to this section, the Department shall  
46 not commingle the money available to carry out the provisions of this section and  
47 the money available to carry out the other program.

48           4. Money available to carry out the provisions of this section must be  
49 accounted for separately by the Department. *The Department shall use such*  
50 *money only to pay for or subsidize the cost of:*

51           (a) *Drugs approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration;*

52           (b) *Insurance premiums, deductibles, copayments, coinsurance or other cost-*  
53 *sharing obligations associated with private health insurance; and*



1            *(c) Services that improve access to, adherence to and monitoring of drug*  
2 *treatment.*

3            **Sec. 10.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

4            2. Sections 1 to 9, inclusive, of this act become effective:

5            (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and  
6 performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry  
7 out the provisions of this act; and

8            (b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.