

HOUSE BILL NO. 379

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CONTINUING THE PROHIBITION THAT PREVENTS A PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER FROM REQUIRING FEDERALLY CERTIFIED HEALTH ENTITIES TO IDENTIFY 340B DRUGS; AMENDING SECTION 33-2-2410, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 26, CHAPTER 501, LAWS OF 2021; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 33-2-2410, MCA, is amended to read:

"33-2-2410. Federal 340B drug pricing program. A pharmacy benefit manager or health carrier may not:

(1) prohibit a federally certified health entity or a pharmacy under contract with an entity to provide pharmacy services from participating in the pharmacy benefit manager's or health carrier's provider network;

(2) reimburse a federally certified health entity or a pharmacy under contract with an entity differently than it reimburses other similarly situated pharmacies;

(3) require a claim for a drug to include a modifier to indicate that the drug is a 340B drug unless the claim is for payment, directly or indirectly, by the medicaid program provided for in Title 53, chapter 6, part 1; or

(4) create a restriction or an additional charge on a patient who chooses to receive drugs from a federally certified health entity or a pharmacy under contract with an entity, including but not limited to a patient's inability to fully pay a copayment. ~~(Subsection (3) terminates June 1, 2023--sec. 26, Ch. 501, L. 2021.)"~~

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Repealer.** Section 26, Chapter 501, Laws of 2021, is repealed.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.



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