

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2314 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by
inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: TJ Marti

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

PROPOSED COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2314

By: Marti

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to the Pharmacy Audit Integrity Act; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 356.2, which relates to auditor duties; modifying and expanding duties; prohibiting certain audits; providing for discrepancies; requiring acceptance of certain evidence; requiring provision of certain documents within specified time; providing audit requirements; modifying number of prescriptions to be audited; requiring invoices; modifying audit report time periods; eliminating certain withholdings; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 356.3, which relates to appeals process; clarifying when certain findings are to be referred to the district attorney; clarifying scope of application; amending Section 3, Chapter 263, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 359), which relates to information to be provided by pharmacy benefits manager; removing exceptions; amending Section 4, Chapter 263, O.S.L. 2014, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 285, O.S.L. 2016 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 360), which relates to contractual duties to providers; modifying reimbursement procedure; prohibiting placement of drugs on certain list, with exceptions; modifying accreditation or licensing requirement; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 356.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 356.2 A. The entity conducting an audit of a pharmacy shall:

1. Identify and describe the audit procedures in the pharmacy contract. ~~Unless otherwise agreed to in contract by both parties,~~ prescription Prescription claim documentation and record-keeping requirements shall not exceed the requirements set forth by the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act or other applicable state or federal laws or regulations;

2. For an ~~on-site~~ audit, including, but not limited to, an on-site audit, a desk audit, request for documentation related to the dispensing of a prescription drug or any reimbursed activity by a pharmacy provider, give the pharmacy written notice, by certified letter to the pharmacy and the pharmacy's contracting agent, including identification of prescription numbers to be audited, at least two (2) weeks prior to conducting the ~~on-site~~ audit. The pharmacy shall have the opportunity to reschedule the audit no more than seven (7) days from the date designated on the original audit notification;

3. For an ~~on-site~~ audit, not interfere with the delivery of pharmacist services to a patient and shall utilize every reasonable effort to minimize inconvenience and disruption to pharmacy operations during the audit process;

1 4. Conduct any audit involving clinical or professional
2 judgment by means of or in consultation with a licensed pharmacist;

3 5. Not consider as fraud any clerical or record-keeping error,
4 such as a typographical error, scrivener's error, or computer error,
5 including, but not limited to, a miscalculated day supply of less
6 than twenty-five percent (25%) error, written date or prescription
7 origin, regarding a required document or record; however, unless
8 there is actual financial harm to the health insurer or patient,
9 including but not limited to, the filing of a prescription routinely
10 with greater than twenty-five percent (25%) of the day supply
11 remaining such errors ~~may~~ shall not be subject to recoupment. The
12 pharmacy shall have the right to submit amended claims to correct
13 clerical or record-keeping errors in lieu of recoupment, provided
14 that the prescription was dispensed according to prescription
15 documentation requirements set forth by the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act.
16 To the extent that an audit results in the identification of any
17 clerical or record-keeping errors such as typographical errors,
18 scrivener's errors or computer errors in a required document or
19 record, the pharmacy shall not be subject to recoupment of funds by
20 the pharmacy benefits manager unless the pharmacy benefits manager
21 can provide proof of intent to commit fraud or such error results in
22 actual financial harm to ~~the pharmacy benefits manager,~~ a health
23 insurance plan managed by the pharmacy benefits manager or a
24 consumer. A person shall not be subject to criminal penalties for

1 errors provided for in this paragraph without proof of intent to
2 commit fraud;

3 6. Permit a pharmacy to use the records of a hospital,
4 physician, or other authorized practitioner of the healing arts for
5 drugs or medicinal supplies written or transmitted by any means of
6 communication for purposes of validating the pharmacy record with
7 respect to orders or refills of a legend or narcotic drug;

8 7. Base a finding of an overpayment or underpayment on a
9 projection based on the number of patients served having similar
10 diagnoses or on the number of similar orders or refills for similar
11 drugs; provided, recoupment of claims shall be based on the actual
12 overpayment or underpayment of each identified claim. A projection
13 for overpayment or underpayment may be used to determine recoupment
14 as part of a settlement as agreed to by the pharmacy;

15 8. Not include the dispensing fee amount or the actual invoice
16 cost of the prescription dispensed in a finding of an overpayment
17 unless a prescription was not actually dispensed or a physician
18 denied authorization ~~or as otherwise agreed to by contract;~~

19 9. Audit each pharmacy under ~~the same~~ identical standards,
20 regularity, and parameters as other similarly situated pharmacies
21 ~~audited by the entity~~ and all pharmacies owned or managed by the
22 pharmacy benefits manager conducting or having conducted the audit;

23 10. Not exceed ~~two (2) years~~ one (1) year from the date the
24 claim was submitted to or adjudicated by a managed care company,

1 nonprofit hospital or medical service organization, insurance
2 company, third-party payor, pharmacy benefits manager, a health
3 program administered by a department of this state, or any entity
4 that represents the companies, groups, or departments for the period
5 covered by an audit;

6 11. Not schedule or initiate an audit during the first seven
7 (7) calendar days of any month due to the high volume of
8 prescriptions filled in the pharmacy during that time unless
9 otherwise consented to by the pharmacy; ~~and~~

10 12. Disclose to any plan sponsor whose claims were included in
11 the audit any money recouped in the audit; and

12 13. Not consider a prescription eligible for recoupment based
13 on the not breaking open of a package labeled "for single patient
14 use only" even if the day supply is adjusted as to not exceed the
15 plan's limits, including but not limited to, insulin prescriptions,
16 as long as the prescription refills are filled within twenty-five
17 percent (25%) of the actual day supply.

18 B. 1. A health benefits plan issuer or pharmacy benefits
19 manager that audits wholesale invoices during an audit of a
20 pharmacist or pharmacy shall not audit the pharmacy claims of
21 another health benefits plan or pharmacy benefits manager.

22 2. A health benefits plan issuer or pharmacy benefits manager
23 shall reverse a finding of a discrepancy if:
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- a. the National Drug Code for the dispensed drug is in a quantity that is a subunit or multiple of the drug purchased by the pharmacist or pharmacy as supported by a wholesale invoice,
- b. the pharmacist or pharmacy dispensed the correct quantity of the drug according to the prescription, and
- c. the drug dispensed by the pharmacist or pharmacy shares all but the last two (2) digits of the National Drug Code of the drug reflected on the supplier invoice.

3. A health benefits plan issuer or pharmacy benefits manager shall accept as evidence, subject to validation, to support the validity of a pharmacy claim related to a dispensed drug:

- a. copies of supplier invoices in the pharmacist's or pharmacy's possession,
- b. invoices and any supporting documents from any supplier as authorized by federal or state law to transfer ownership of the drug acquired by the pharmacist or pharmacy, and
- c. reports required by any state board or agency.

4. A health benefits plan issuer or pharmacy benefits manager shall provide, no later than five (5) business days after the date of a request by the pharmacist or pharmacy, any supporting documents

1 the pharmacist's or pharmacy's suppliers provided to the health
2 benefits plan issuer or pharmacy benefits manager.

3 C. A pharmacy may provide the pharmacy's computerized patterned
4 medical records or the records of a hospital, physician, or other
5 authorized practitioner of the healing arts for drugs or medicinal
6 supplies written or transmitted by any means of communication for
7 purposes of supporting the pharmacy record with respect to orders or
8 refills of a legend or narcotic drug. The annual audit total shall
9 be inclusive of all prescription related documentation requests from
10 either the health insurer, pharmacy benefits manager or any third-
11 party company on behalf of the health insurer or pharmacy benefits
12 manager during a calendar year.

13 ~~C.~~ D. The entity conducting the audit shall not audit more than
14 ~~seventy-five (75)~~ fifty prescriptions, with specific date of
15 service, per initial annual audit.

16 ~~D.~~ E. If paper copies of records are requested by the entity
17 conducting the audit, the entity shall pay twenty-five cents (\$0.25)
18 per page to cover the costs incurred by the pharmacy. The entity
19 conducting the audit shall provide the pharmacy with an invoice form
20 for reimbursement of the copied records.

21 ~~E.~~ F. The entity conducting the audit shall provide the
22 pharmacy with a written report of the audit and shall:
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1 1. Deliver a preliminary audit report to the pharmacy within
2 ~~ninety (90)~~ forty-five (45) calendar days after conclusion of the
3 audit;

4 2. Allow the pharmacy at least ~~sixty (60)~~ forty-five (45)
5 calendar days following receipt of the preliminary audit report in
6 which to produce documentation to address any discrepancy found
7 during the audit; provided, however, a pharmacy may request an
8 extension, not to exceed an additional ~~sixty (60)~~ forty-five (45)
9 calendar days;

10 3. Deliver a final audit report to the pharmacy signed by the
11 auditor within ~~one hundred twenty (120)~~ ninety (90) calendar days
12 after receipt of the preliminary audit report or ~~final~~ appeal, as
13 provided for in Section 356.3 of this title, whichever is later;

14 4. Allow the pharmacy at least ninety (90) calendar days
15 following receipt of the final audit report in which to produce
16 documentation to address any discrepancy disputed in the final
17 report; provided, however, a pharmacy may request an extension, not
18 to exceed an additional ninety (90) calendar days;

19 5. Recoup any disputed funds after final internal disposition
20 of the audit, including the appeals process as provided for in
21 Section 356.3 of this title. ~~Unless otherwise agreed by the~~
22 ~~parties, future payments to the pharmacy may be withheld pending~~
23 ~~finalization of the audit should the identified discrepancy exceed~~
24 ~~Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00); and~~

1 ~~5.~~ 6. Not accrue interest during the audit and appeal period.

2 ~~F.~~ G. Each entity conducting an audit shall provide a copy of
3 the final audit results, and a final audit report upon request,
4 after completion of any review process to the plan sponsor.

5 ~~G.~~ H. 1. The full amount of any recoupment on an ~~on-site~~ audit
6 shall be refunded to the plan sponsor. Except as provided for in
7 paragraph 2 of this subsection, a charge or assessment for an audit
8 shall not be based, directly or indirectly, on amounts recouped.

9 2. This subsection does not prevent the entity conducting the
10 audit from charging or assessing the responsible party, directly or
11 indirectly, based on amounts recouped if both of the following
12 conditions are met:

- 13 a. the plan sponsor and the entity conducting the audit
14 have a contract that explicitly states the percentage
15 charge or assessment to the plan sponsor, and
16 b. a commission to an agent or employee of the entity
17 conducting the audit is not based, directly or
18 indirectly, on amounts recouped.

19 ~~H.~~ I. Unless superseded by state or federal law, auditors shall
20 only have access to previous audit reports on a particular pharmacy
21 conducted by the auditing entity for the same pharmacy benefits
22 manager, health plan or insurer. An auditing vendor contracting
23 with multiple pharmacy benefits managers or health insurance plans
24 shall not use audit reports or other information gained from an

1 audit on a ~~particular~~ pharmacy to conduct another audit for a
2 different pharmacy benefits manager or health insurance plan.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 356.3, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 356.3 A. Each entity conducting an audit shall
6 establish a written appeals process under which a pharmacy may
7 appeal an unfavorable preliminary audit report and/or final audit
8 report to the entity.

9 B. Following an appeal, if the entity finds that an unfavorable
10 audit report or any portion thereof is unsubstantiated, the entity
11 shall dismiss the audit report or the unsubstantiated portion of the
12 audit report without any further action.

13 C. Any final audit report, following the final audit appeal
14 period, with a finding of fraud or willful misrepresentation shall
15 be referred to the district attorney having proper jurisdiction or
16 the Attorney General for prosecution upon completion of the appeals
17 process.

18 D. This act does not apply to any audit, review or
19 investigation that is initiated based on or that involves ~~suspected~~
20 ~~or~~ alleged fraud, willful ~~misrepresentation~~ misrepresentation or
21 abuse.

22 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 263, O.S.L.
23 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 359), is amended to read as
24 follows:

1 Section 359. ~~Unless otherwise provided by contract, a~~ A
2 pharmacy benefits manager shall provide, upon request by the covered
3 entity, information regarding the difference in the amount paid to
4 providers for prescription services rendered to covered individuals
5 and the amount billed by the pharmacy benefits manager to the
6 covered entity or plan sponsor to pay for prescription services
7 rendered to covered individuals.

8 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 263, O.S.L.
9 2014, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 285, O.S.L. 2016 (59 O.S.
10 Supp. 2019, Section 360), is amended to read as follows:

11 Section 360. A. The pharmacy benefits manager shall, with
12 respect to contracts between a pharmacy benefits manager and a
13 provider:

14 1. Include in such contracts the sources utilized to determine
15 the maximum allowable cost (MAC) pricing of the pharmacy, update MAC
16 pricing at least every seven (7) calendar days, and establish a
17 process for providers to readily access the MAC list specific to
18 that provider;

19 2. In order to place a drug on the MAC list, ensure that the
20 drug is listed as "A" or "B" rated in the most recent version of the
21 FDA's Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence
22 Evaluations, also known as the Orange Book, or has an "NR" or "NA"
23 rating or a similar rating by a nationally recognized reference, and
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1 the drug is generally available for purchase by pharmacies in the
2 state from national or regional wholesalers and is not obsolete;

3 3. Ensure dispensing fees are not included in the calculation
4 of MAC price reimbursement to pharmacy providers;

5 4. Provide a reasonable administration appeals procedure to
6 allow a provider or a provider's representative to contest
7 reimbursement amounts within ten (10) business days of the final
8 adjusted payment date. The pharmacy benefits manager must respond
9 to a provider or provider's representative who has contested a
10 reimbursement amount through this procedure within ten (10) business
11 days. If a price update is warranted, the pharmacy benefits manager
12 shall make the change in the reimbursement amount, permit the
13 challenging pharmacy to reverse and rebill the claim in question,
14 and make the reimbursement amount change retroactive and effective
15 for ~~each similarly~~ all contracted Oklahoma ~~provider~~ providers; and

16 5. If ~~the~~ a below-cost reimbursement appeal is denied, the PBM
17 shall provide the reason for the denial, including the National Drug
18 Code number from the specific national or regional wholesalers where
19 the drug is ~~generally~~ available for purchase by pharmacies in the
20 state ~~at or~~ below the PBM's reimbursement.

21 B. The pharmacy benefits manager ~~may~~ shall not place a drug on
22 a MAC list, unless there are at least two therapeutically
23 equivalent, multiple-source drugs, or at least one generic drug
24 available from only one manufacturer, generally available for

1 purchase by network pharmacies from national or regional
2 wholesalers.

3 C. The pharmacy benefits manager shall not require
4 accreditation or licensing of providers or any entity licensed or
5 regulated by the State Board of Pharmacy other than by the State
6 Board of Pharmacy ~~or other state~~ or federal government entity.

7 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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