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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to health care; creating the Oklahoma Rebate Pass Through and PBM Meaningful Transparency Act of 2022; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Sections 357 and 358, which relate to definitions; modifying definitions; creating duties; creating licensing application requirements; amending 36 O.S. 2021, Section 6960, which relates to definitions; defining terms; creating PBM disclosures; amending 36 O.S. 2021, Section 6962, which relates to PBM compliance; creating duties; amending 36 O.S. 2021, Section 6964, which relates to a formulary for prescription drugs; creating agency duties; creating PBM fairness in cost sharing; creating penalties; creating insurer fairness in cost sharing; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Rebate Pass Through and PBM Meaningful Transparency Act of 2022".

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 357, is amended to read as follows:

Section 357. As used in this act:

1        1. "Covered entity" means a nonprofit hospital or medical  
2 service organization, insurer, health coverage plan or health  
3 maintenance organization; a health program administered by the state  
4 in the capacity of provider of health coverage; or an employer,  
5 labor union, or other entity organized in the state that provides  
6 health coverage to covered individuals who are employed or reside in  
7 the state. This term does not include a health plan that provides  
8 coverage only for accidental injury, specified disease, hospital  
9 indemnity, disability income, or other limited benefit health  
10 insurance policies and contracts that do not include prescription  
11 drug coverage;

12        2. "Covered individual" means a member, participant, enrollee,  
13 contract holder or policy holder or beneficiary of a covered entity  
14 who is provided health coverage by the covered entity. A covered  
15 individual includes any dependent or other person provided health  
16 coverage through a policy, contract or plan for a covered  
17 individual;

18        3. "Department" means the Oklahoma Insurance Department;

19        4. "Maximum allowable cost" or "MAC" means the list of drug  
20 products delineating the maximum per-unit reimbursement for  
21 multiple-source prescription drugs, medical product or device;

22        5. "Multisource drug product reimbursement" (reimbursement)  
23 means the total amount paid to a pharmacy inclusive of any reduction  
24 in payment to the pharmacy, excluding prescription dispense fees;

1       6. "Pharmacy benefits management" means a service provided to  
2 covered entities to facilitate the provision of prescription drug  
3 benefits to covered individuals within the state, including  
4 negotiating pricing and other terms with drug manufacturers and  
5 providers. Pharmacy benefits management may include any or all of  
6 the following services:

- 7           a. claims processing, performance of drug utilization  
8           review, processing of drug prior authorization  
9           requests, retail network management and payment of  
10          claims to pharmacies for prescription drugs dispensed  
11          to covered individuals,
- 12          b. clinical formulary development and management  
13          services,
- 14          c. rebate contracting and administration,
- 15          d. certain patient compliance, therapeutic intervention  
16          and generic substitution programs, ~~or~~
- 17          e. disease management programs,
- 18          f. adjudication of appeals and grievances related to the  
19          prescription drug benefit, and
- 20          g. controlling the cost of prescription drugs;

21       7. "Pharmacy benefits manager" or "PBM" means a person,  
22 business or other entity that, either directly or through an  
23 intermediary, performs pharmacy benefits management. The term  
24 includes a person or entity acting for a PBM in a contractual or

1 employment relationship in the performance of pharmacy benefits  
2 management for a managed care company, nonprofit hospital, medical  
3 service organization, insurance company, third-party payor, or a  
4 health program administered by an agency of this state;

5 8. "Plan sponsor" means the employers, insurance companies,  
6 unions and health maintenance organizations or any other entity  
7 responsible for establishing, maintaining, or administering a health  
8 benefit plan on behalf of covered individuals; and

9 9. "Provider" means a pharmacy licensed by the State Board of  
10 Pharmacy, or an agent or representative of a pharmacy, including,  
11 but not limited to, the pharmacy's contracting agent, which  
12 dispenses prescription drugs or devices to covered individuals.

13 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 358, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 358. A. In order to provide pharmacy benefits  
16 management or any of the services included under the definition of  
17 pharmacy benefits management in this state, a pharmacy benefits  
18 manager or any entity acting as one in a contractual or employment  
19 relationship for a covered entity shall first obtain a license from  
20 the Oklahoma Insurance Department, and the Department may charge a  
21 fee for such licensure.

22 B. The Department shall establish, by regulation, licensure  
23 procedures, required disclosures for pharmacy benefits managers  
24 (PBMs) and other rules as may be necessary for carrying out and

1 enforcing the provisions of this act. The licensure procedures  
2 shall, at a minimum, include the completion of an application form  
3 that shall include ~~the name and address of an agent for service of~~  
4 ~~process, the payment of a requisite fee, and evidence of the~~  
5 ~~procurement of a surety bond~~ the following:

6 1. The name, address, and telephone number of the PBM;

7 2. The name and address of the PBM's agent for service of  
8 process in the state;

9 3. The name and address of each person with management or  
10 control over the PBM;

11 4. Evidence of the procurement of a surety bond;

12 5. The name and address of each person with a beneficial  
13 ownership interest in the PBM;

14 6. In the case of a PBM applicant that is a partnership or  
15 other unincorporated association, limited liability company, or  
16 corporation, and has five or more partners, members, or  
17 stockholders:

18 a. the applicant shall specify its legal structure and  
19 the total number of partners, members, or  
20 stockholders,

21 b. the applicant shall specify the names, addresses,  
22 usual occupations, and professional qualifications of  
23 the partners, members, or stockholders with the five  
24 largest ownership interests in the PBM, and

1           c. the applicant shall agree that, upon request by the  
2           Department, it shall furnish the Department with  
3           information regarding the names, addresses, usual  
4           occupations, and professional qualifications of any  
5           other partners, members, or stockholders; and

6       7. A signed statement indicating that the PBM has not been  
7       convicted of a felony and has not violated any of the requirements  
8       of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act and the Patient's Right to Pharmacy  
9       Choice Act, or, if the applicant cannot provide such a statement, a  
10       signed statement describing the relevant conviction(s) or  
11       violation(s).

12       C. The Department may subpoena witnesses and information. Its  
13       compliance officers may take and copy records for investigative use  
14       and prosecutions. Nothing in this subsection shall limit the Office  
15       of the Attorney General from using its investigative demand  
16       authority to investigate and prosecute violations of the law.

17       D. The Department may suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or  
18       renew a license for noncompliance with any of the provisions hereby  
19       established or with the rules promulgated by the Department; for  
20       conduct likely to mislead, deceive or defraud the public or the  
21       Department; for unfair or deceptive business practices or for  
22       nonpayment of a renewal fee or fine. The Department may also levy  
23       administrative fines for each count of which a PBM has been  
24       convicted in a Department hearing.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2021, Section 6960, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6960. For purposes of the Patient's Right to Pharmacy Choice Act:

1. "Administrative fees" means fees or payments from pharmaceutical manufacturers to, or otherwise retained by, a pharmacy benefits manager (PBM) or its designee pursuant to a contract between a PBM or affiliate and the manufacturer in connection with the PBM administering, invoicing, allocating, and collecting the rebates;

2. "Aggregate retained rebate percentage" means the percentage of all rebates received by a PBM from all pharmaceutical manufacturers which is not passed on to the PBM's health plan or health insurer clients. Aggregate retained rebate percentage shall be expressed without disclosing any identifying information regarding any health plan, prescription drug, or therapeutic class, and shall be calculated by dividing:

- a. the aggregate dollar amount of all rebates that the PBM received during the prior calendar year from all pharmaceutical manufacturers and did not pass through to the PBM's health plan or health insurer clients, by
- b. the aggregate dollar amount of all rebates that the PBM received during the prior calendar year from all pharmaceutical manufacturers;

1       3. "Defined cost sharing" means a deductible payment or  
2 coinsurance amount imposed on an enrollee for a covered prescription  
3 drug under the enrollee's health plan;

4       4. "Formulary" means a list of prescription drugs, as well as  
5 accompanying tiering and other coverage information, that has been  
6 developed by a health insurer, a health plan, or the designee of a  
7 health insurer or health plan, which the health insurer, health  
8 plan, or designee of the health insurer or health plan references in  
9 determining applicable coverage and benefit levels;

10       5. "Generic equivalent" means a drug that is designated to be  
11 therapeutically equivalent, as indicated by the United States Food  
12 and Drug Administration's "Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic  
13 Equivalence Evaluations"; provided, however, that a drug shall not  
14 be considered a generic equivalent until the drug becomes nationally  
15 available;

16       6. "Health insurer" means any corporation, association, benefit  
17 society, exchange, partnership or individual licensed by the  
18 Oklahoma Insurance Code;

19       7. "Health insurer administrative service fees" means fees or  
20 payments from a health insurer or a designee of the health insurer  
21 to, or otherwise retained by, a PBM or its designee pursuant to a  
22 contract between a PBM or affiliate, and the health insurer or  
23 designee of the health insurer in connection with the PBM managing  
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1 or administering the pharmacy benefit and administering, invoicing,  
2 allocating, and collecting rebates;

3 8. "Health plan" means a policy, contract, certification, or  
4 agreement offered or issued by a health insurer to provide, deliver,  
5 arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the costs of health  
6 services;

7 ~~2.~~ 9. "Mail-order pharmacy" means a pharmacy licensed by this  
8 state that primarily dispenses and delivers covered drugs via common  
9 carrier;

10 ~~3.~~ 10. "Pharmacy benefits manager" or "PBM" means a person,  
11 business, or other entity that, either directly or through an  
12 intermediary, performs pharmacy benefits management, as defined in  
13 paragraph 6 of Section 357 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and  
14 any other person acting for such person under a contractual or  
15 employment relationship in the performance of pharmacy benefits  
16 management for a managed-care company, nonprofit hospital, medical  
17 service organization, insurance company, third-party payor or a  
18 health program administered by a department of this state;

19 ~~4.~~ 11. "Pharmacy and therapeutics committee" or "P&T committee"  
20 means a committee at a hospital or a health insurance plan that  
21 decides which drugs will appear on that entity's drug formulary;

22 12. "Price-protection rebate" means a negotiated-price  
23 concession that accrues directly or indirectly to the health  
24 insurer, or other party on behalf of the health insurer, in the

1 event of an increase in the wholesale acquisition of a drug above a  
2 specified threshold;

3 13. "Rebates" means:

- 4 a. negotiated-price concessions including, but not  
5 limited to, base-price concessions, whether described  
6 as a rebate or otherwise, and reasonable estimates of  
7 any price-protection rebates and performance-based  
8 price concessions that may accrue directly or  
9 indirectly to the PBM during the coverage year from a  
10 manufacturer, dispensing pharmacy, or other party in  
11 connection with the dispensing or administration of a  
12 prescription drug, and
- 13 b. reasonable estimates of any negotiated-price  
14 concessions, fees, and other administrative costs that  
15 are passed through, or are reasonably anticipated to  
16 be passed through, to the PBM and serve to reduce the  
17 PBM's liabilities for a prescription drug;

18 ~~5.~~ 14. "Retail pharmacy network" means retail pharmacy  
19 providers contracted with a PBM in which the pharmacy primarily  
20 fills and sells prescriptions via a retail, storefront location;

21 ~~6.~~ 15. "Rural service area" means a five-digit ZIP code in  
22 which the population density is less than one thousand (1,000)  
23 individuals per square mile;

1       ~~7.~~ 16. "Suburban service area" means a five-digit ZIP code in  
2 which the population density is between one thousand (1,000) and  
3 three thousand (3,000) individuals per square mile; and

4       ~~8.~~ 17. "Urban service area" means a five-digit ZIP code in  
5 which the population density is greater than three thousand (3,000)  
6 individuals per square mile.

7       SECTION 5.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6962.1 of Title 36, unless there  
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10       A. Beginning on January 1, 2023, and on an annual basis  
11 thereafter, a pharmacy benefits manager (PBM) shall provide the  
12 Insurance Department with a report containing the following  
13 information from the prior calendar year as it pertains to pharmacy  
14 benefits provided by health insurers to enrollees in the state:

15       1. The aggregate dollar amount of all rebates that the PBM  
16 received from all pharmaceutical manufacturers;

17       2. The aggregate dollar amount of all administrative fees that  
18 the PBM received;

19       3. The aggregate dollar amount of all issuer administrative  
20 service fees that the PBM received;

21       4. The aggregate dollar amount of all rebates that the PBM  
22 received from all pharmaceutical manufacturers and did not pass  
23 through to health plans or health insurers;

1        5. The aggregate dollar amount of all administrative fees that  
2 the PBM received from all pharmaceutical manufacturers and did not  
3 pass through to health plans or health insurers;

4        6. The aggregate retained rebate percentage; and

5        7. Across all of the PBM's contractual or other relationships  
6 with all health plans or health insurers, the highest aggregate  
7 retained rebate percentage, the lowest aggregate retained rebate  
8 percentage, and the mean aggregate retained rebate percentage.

9        B. The Department shall publish in a timely manner the  
10 information that it receives under subsection A of this section on a  
11 publicly available website; provided that such information shall be  
12 made available in a form that does not disclose the identity of a  
13 specific health plan or the identity of a specific manufacturer, the  
14 prices charged for specific drugs or classes of drugs, or the amount  
15 of any rebates provided for specific drugs or classes of drugs.

16        C. The PBM and the Department shall not publish or otherwise  
17 disclose any information that would reveal the identity of a  
18 specific health plan, the prices charged for a specific drug or  
19 class of drugs, the amount of any rebates provided for a specific  
20 drug or class of drugs, the manufacturer, or that would otherwise  
21 have the potential to compromise the financial, competitive, or  
22 proprietary nature of the information. Any such information shall  
23 be protected from disclosure as confidential and proprietary  
24 information, and is not a public record as defined in the Oklahoma

1 Open Records Act, Section 24A.1 et seq. of Title 51 of the Oklahoma  
2 Statutes, and shall not be disclosed directly or indirectly. A PBM  
3 shall impose the confidentiality protections of this section on any  
4 vendor or downstream third party that performs health care or  
5 administrative services on behalf of the PBM and that may receive or  
6 have access to rebate information.

7 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2021, Section 6962, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 6962. A. The Oklahoma Insurance Department shall  
10 review and approve retail pharmacy network access for all pharmacy  
11 benefits managers (PBMs) to ensure compliance with Section ~~4~~ 6961 of  
12 this ~~act~~ title.

13 B. A PBM, or an agent of a PBM, shall not:

14 1. Cause or knowingly permit the use of advertisement,  
15 promotion, solicitation, representation, proposal or offer that is  
16 untrue, deceptive or misleading;

17 2. Charge a pharmacist or pharmacy a fee related to the  
18 adjudication of a claim, including without limitation a fee for:

- 19 a. the submission of a claim,  
20 b. enrollment or participation in a retail pharmacy  
21 network, or  
22 c. the development or management of claims processing  
23 services or claims payment services related to  
24 participation in a retail pharmacy network;

1        3. Reimburse a pharmacy or pharmacist in the state an amount  
2 less than the amount that the PBM reimburses a pharmacy owned by or  
3 under common ownership with a PBM for providing the same covered  
4 services. The reimbursement amount paid to the pharmacy shall be  
5 equal to the reimbursement amount calculated on a per-unit basis  
6 using the same generic product identifier or generic code number  
7 paid to the PBM-owned or PBM-affiliated pharmacy;

8        4. Deny a pharmacy the opportunity to participate in any  
9 pharmacy network at preferred participation status if the pharmacy  
10 is willing to accept the terms and conditions that the PBM has  
11 established for other pharmacies as a condition of preferred network  
12 participation status;

13        5. Deny, limit or terminate a pharmacy's contract based on  
14 employment status of any employee who has an active license to  
15 dispense, despite probation status, with the State Board of  
16 Pharmacy;

17        6. Retroactively deny or reduce reimbursement for a covered  
18 service claim after returning a paid claim response as part of the  
19 adjudication of the claim, unless:

- 20            a. the original claim was submitted fraudulently, or  
21            b. to correct errors identified in an audit, so long as  
22                the audit was conducted in compliance with Sections  
23                356.2 and 356.3 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

24            ~~or~~

1 7. Fail to make any payment due to a pharmacy or pharmacist for  
2 covered services properly rendered in the event a PBM terminates a  
3 pharmacy or pharmacist from a pharmacy benefits manager network; or

4 8. Contractually prohibit or penalize a pharmacy or pharmacist  
5 for:

6 a. disclosing to an individual information regarding the  
7 existence and clinical efficacy of a generic  
8 equivalent that would be less expensive to the  
9 enrollee:

10 (1) under his or her health plan prescription drug  
11 benefit, or

12 (2) outside his or her health plan prescription drug  
13 benefit, without requesting any health plan  
14 reimbursement,

15 than the drug that was originally prescribed, or

16 b. selling to an individual, instead of a particular  
17 prescribed drug, a therapeutically equivalent drug  
18 that would be less expensive to the enrollee:

19 (1) under his or her health plan prescription drug  
20 benefit, or

21 (2) outside his or her health plan prescription drug  
22 benefit, without requesting any health plan  
23 reimbursement,

24 than the drug that was originally prescribed.

1 C. The prohibitions under this section shall apply to contracts  
2 between pharmacy benefits managers and pharmacists or pharmacies for  
3 participation in retail pharmacy networks.

4 1. A PBM contract shall:

5 a. not restrict, directly or indirectly, any pharmacy  
6 that dispenses a prescription drug from informing, or  
7 penalize such pharmacy for informing, an individual of  
8 any differential between the individual's out-of-  
9 pocket cost or coverage with respect to acquisition of  
10 the drug and the amount an individual would pay to  
11 purchase the drug directly, and

12 b. ensure that any entity that provides pharmacy benefits  
13 management services under a contract with any such  
14 health plan or health insurance coverage does not,  
15 with respect to such plan or coverage, restrict,  
16 directly or indirectly, a pharmacy that dispenses a  
17 prescription drug from informing, or penalize such  
18 pharmacy for informing, a covered individual of any  
19 differential between the individual's out-of-pocket  
20 cost under the plan or coverage with respect to  
21 acquisition of the drug and the amount an individual  
22 would pay for acquisition of the drug without using  
23 any health plan or health insurance coverage.



1        2. A pharmacy benefits manager's contract with a participating  
2 pharmacist or pharmacy shall not prohibit, restrict or limit  
3 disclosure of information to the Insurance Commissioner, law  
4 enforcement or state and federal governmental officials  
5 investigating or examining a complaint or conducting a review of a  
6 pharmacy benefits manager's compliance with the requirements under  
7 the Patient's Right to Pharmacy Choice Act.

8        3. A pharmacy benefits manager shall establish and maintain an  
9 electronic claim inquiry processing system using the National  
10 Council for Prescription Drug Programs' current standards to  
11 communicate information to pharmacies submitting claim inquiries.

12        D. For each of the PBM's contracts or other relationships with  
13 a health plan, a PBM shall publish on an easily accessible website  
14 the health plan formulary and timely notification of formulary  
15 changes and/or product exclusions.

16        SECTION 7.        AMENDATORY        36 O.S. 2021, Section 6964, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18        Section 6964. A. A health ~~insurer's~~ insurer or its agents,  
19 including pharmacy benefits managers, pharmacy and therapeutics  
20 committee (P&T committee) shall establish a formulary, which shall  
21 be a list of prescription drugs, both generic and brand name, used  
22 by practitioners to identify drugs that offer the greatest overall  
23 value.

1 B. A health insurer shall prohibit conflicts of interest for  
2 members of the P&T committee.

3 ~~1. A person may not serve on a P&T committee if the person is~~  
4 ~~currently employed or was employed within the preceding year by a~~  
5 ~~pharmaceutical manufacturer, developer, labeler, wholesaler or~~  
6 ~~distributor.~~

7 ~~2. A health insurer shall require any member of the P&T~~  
8 ~~committee to disclose any compensation or funding from a~~  
9 ~~pharmaceutical manufacturer, developer, labeler, wholesaler or~~  
10 ~~distributor. Such P&T committee member shall be recused from voting~~  
11 ~~on any product manufactured or sold by such pharmaceutical~~  
12 ~~manufacturer, developer, labeler, wholesaler or distributor.~~

13 A person may not serve on a P&T committee if the person is  
14 currently employed or was employed within the preceding year by a  
15 pharmaceutical manufacturer, developer, labeler, wholesaler, or  
16 distributor. A health insurer shall require any member of the P&T  
17 committee to disclose any compensation or funding from a  
18 pharmaceutical manufacturer, developer, labeler, wholesaler, or  
19 distributor. Such P&T committee member shall be recused from voting  
20 on any product manufactured or sold by such pharmaceutical  
21 manufacturer, developer, labeler, wholesaler, or distributor.

22 C. The P&T committee shall review the formulary annually and  
23 must meet the following requirements:  
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1       1. A majority of P&T committee members must be practicing  
2 physicians, practicing pharmacists, or both, and must be licensed in  
3 Oklahoma;

4       2. P&T committee members must practice in various clinical  
5 specialties that adequately represent the needs of health plan  
6 enrollees, and there must be an adequate number of high-volume  
7 specialists and specialists treating rare and orphan diseases;

8       3. The P&T committee must meet no less frequently than on a  
9 quarterly basis;

10       4. P&T committee formulary development must be conducted  
11 pursuant to a transparent process, and formulary decisions and  
12 rationale must be documented in writing, with any records and  
13 documents relating to the process available upon request to the  
14 health plan, subject to the conditions in this subsection. In the  
15 case of P&T committee decisions that relate to Medicaid managed care  
16 organizations' prescription drug coverage policies, if the P&T  
17 committee relies upon any third party to provide cost-effectiveness  
18 analysis or research, the P&T committee must:

19           a. disclose to the health benefit plan, the state, and  
20           the general public the name of the relevant third  
21           party, and

22           b. provide a process through which patients and providers  
23           potentially impacted by the third-party's analysis or  
24           research may provide input to the P&T committee;

1       5. Specialists with current clinical expertise who actively  
2 treat patients in a specific therapeutic area, and the specific  
3 conditions within a therapeutic area, must participate in formulary  
4 decisions regarding each therapeutic area and specific condition;

5       6. The P&T committee must base its clinical decisions on the  
6 strength of scientific evidence, standards of practice, and  
7 nationally accepted treatment guidelines;

8       7. The P&T committee must consider whether a particular drug  
9 has a clinically meaningful therapeutic advantage over other drugs  
10 in terms of safety, effectiveness, or clinical outcome for patient  
11 populations who may be treated with the drug;

12       8. The P&T committee must evaluate and analyze treatment  
13 protocols and procedures related to the health plan's formulary at  
14 least annually;

15       9. The P&T committee must review formulary management  
16 activities, including exceptions and appeals processes, prior  
17 authorization, step therapy, quantity limits, generic substitutions,  
18 therapeutic interchange, and other drug utilization management  
19 activities for clinical appropriateness and consistency with  
20 industry standards and patient and provider organization guidelines;

21       10. The P&T committee must annually review and provide a  
22 written report to the pharmacy benefits manager on:  
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- 1        a. the percentage of prescription drugs on formulary  
2        subject to each of the types of utilization management  
3        described in paragraph 9 of this subsection,  
4        b. rates of adherence and nonadherence to prescription  
5        drugs by therapeutic area,  
6        c. rates of abandonment of prescription drugs by  
7        therapeutic area,  
8        d. recommendations for improved adherence and reduced  
9        abandonment, and  
10       e. recommendations for improvement in formulary  
11       management practices consistent with patient and  
12       provider organization and other clinical guidelines.

13       Provided that the report shall be subject to the conditions in  
14       this subsection;

15       11. The P&T committee must review and make a formulary decision  
16       on a new U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved drug within  
17       ninety (90) days of such drug's approval, or must provide a clinical  
18       justification if this time frame is not met; and

19       12. The P&T committee must review procedures for medical review  
20       of, and transitioning new plan enrollees to, appropriate formulary  
21       alternatives to ensure that such procedures appropriately address  
22       situations involving enrollees stabilized on drugs that are not on  
23       the health plan formulary or that are on the formulary but are  
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1 subject to prior authorization, step therapy, or other utilization  
2 management requirements.

3 D. The health insurer, its agents, including pharmacy benefits  
4 managers, and the State Department of Health shall not publish or  
5 otherwise disclose any confidential, proprietary information,  
6 including, but not limited to, any information that would reveal the  
7 identity of a specific health plan, the price charged for a specific  
8 drug or class of drugs, the amount of any rebates provided for a  
9 specific drug or class of drugs, the manufacturer, or that would  
10 otherwise have the potential to compromise the financial,  
11 competitive, or proprietary nature of the information. Any such  
12 information shall be protected from disclosure as confidential and  
13 proprietary information, and is not a public record as defined in  
14 the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Section 24A.1 et seq. of Title 51 of  
15 the Oklahoma Statutes, and shall not be disclosed directly or  
16 indirectly. A health insurer shall impose the confidentiality  
17 protections of this section on any vendor or downstream third party  
18 that performs health care or administrative services on behalf of  
19 the pharmacy benefits manager and that may receive or have access to  
20 rebate information.

21 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6962.3 of Title 36, unless there  
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       A. An enrollee's defined cost sharing for each prescription  
2 drug shall be calculated at the point of sale based on a price that  
3 is reduced by an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%)  
4 of all rebates received, or to be received, in connection with the  
5 dispensing or administration of the prescription drug.

6       B. A pharmacy benefits manager (PBM) shall submit an annual  
7 certification to the State Department of Health, in a form to be  
8 established by the Department, that it has complied with the  
9 requirements of this section for the then-current year.

10       C. For any violation of this section, the Insurance  
11 Commissioner may subject a PBM to an administrative penalty of not  
12 less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Thousand  
13 Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each occurrence. Such administrative  
14 penalty may be enforced in the same manner in which civil judgments  
15 may be enforced.

16       D. Nothing in subsections A through C of this section shall  
17 preclude a PBM from decreasing an enrollee's defined cost sharing by  
18 an amount greater than that required under subsection A of this  
19 section.

20       E. In implementing the requirements of this section, the state  
21 shall only regulate a PBM to the extent permissible under applicable  
22 law.

23       F. In complying with the provisions of this section, a PBM or  
24 its agents shall not publish or otherwise reveal information

1 regarding the actual amount of rebates a PBM receives on a product  
2 or therapeutic class of products, manufacturer, or pharmacy-specific  
3 basis. Such information is protected as a trade secret, is not a  
4 public record as defined in the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Section  
5 24A.1 et seq. of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and shall not be  
6 disclosed directly or indirectly, or in a manner that would allow  
7 for the identification of an individual product, therapeutic class  
8 of products, or manufacturer, or in a manner that would have the  
9 potential to compromise the financial, competitive, or proprietary  
10 nature of the information. A PBM shall impose the confidentiality  
11 protections of this section on any vendor or downstream third party  
12 that performs health care or administrative services on behalf of  
13 the insurer and that may receive or have access to rebate  
14 information.

15 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6970 of Title 36, unless there  
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. For purposes of this section:

19 1. "Defined cost sharing" means a deductible payment or  
20 coinsurance amount imposed on an enrollee for a covered prescription  
21 drug under the enrollee's health plan;

22 2. "Insurer" means any health insurance issuer that is subject  
23 to state law regulating insurance and offers health insurance  
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1 coverage, as defined in 42 U.S.C., Section 300gg-91, or any state or  
2 local government employer plan;

3 3. "Price-protection rebate" means a negotiated price  
4 concession that accrues directly or indirectly to the insurer, or  
5 designee of the insurer, in the event of an increase in the  
6 wholesale acquisition cost of a drug above a specified threshold;

7 4. "Rebate" means:

- 8 a. negotiated-price concessions including, but not  
9 limited to, base-price concessions, whether described  
10 as a rebate or otherwise, and reasonable estimates of  
11 any price-protection rebates and performance-based  
12 price concessions that may accrue directly or  
13 indirectly to the insurer during the coverage year  
14 from a manufacturer, dispensing pharmacy, or other  
15 party in connection with the dispensing or  
16 administration of a prescription drug, and  
17 b. reasonable estimates of any negotiated-price  
18 concessions, fees, and other administrative costs that  
19 are passed through, or are reasonably anticipated to  
20 be passed through, to the insurer and serve to reduce  
21 the insurer's liabilities for a prescription drug.

22 B. An enrollee's defined cost sharing for each prescription  
23 drug shall be calculated at the point of sale based on a price that  
24 is reduced by an amount equal to at least eighty-five percent (85%)

1 of all rebates received, or to be received, in connection with the  
2 dispensing or administration of the prescription drug.

3 C. For any violation of this section, the Insurance  
4 Commissioner may subject an insurer to an administrative penalty of  
5 not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five  
6 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each occurrence. Such  
7 administrative penalty may be enforced in the same manner in which  
8 civil judgments may be enforced.

9 D. Nothing in subsections A through C of this section shall  
10 preclude an insurer from decreasing an enrollee's defined cost  
11 sharing by an amount greater than that required under subsection B  
12 of this section.

13 E. In implementing the requirements of this section, the state  
14 shall only regulate an insurer to the extent permissible under  
15 applicable law.

16 F. In complying with the provisions of this section, an insurer  
17 or its agents shall not publish or otherwise reveal information  
18 regarding the actual amount of rebates an insurer receives on a  
19 product or therapeutic class of products, manufacturer, or pharmacy-  
20 specific basis. Such information is protected as a trade secret, is  
21 not a public record as defined in the Oklahoma Open Records Act,  
22 Section 24A.1 et seq. of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and  
23 shall not be disclosed directly or indirectly, or in a manner that  
24 would allow for the identification of an individual product,

1 therapeutic class of products, or manufacturer, or in a manner that  
2 would have the potential to compromise the financial, competitive,  
3 or proprietary nature of the information. An insurer shall impose  
4 the confidentiality protections of this section on any vendor or  
5 downstream third party that performs health care or administrative  
6 services on behalf of the insurer and that may receive or have  
7 access to rebate information.

8 SECTION 10. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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