

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2853

By: Wallace and Caldwell (Chad)  
of the House

3 and

4 Montgomery of the Senate  
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6 An Act relating to health care; creating the Oklahoma  
7 Rebate Pass-Through and PBM Meaningful Transparency  
8 Act of 2023; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Sections 357 and  
9 358, which relate to definitions; modifying  
10 definitions, procedures, and penalties; creating  
11 duties; creating licensing application requirements;  
12 amending 36 O.S. 2021, Section 6960, as amended by  
13 Section 1, Chapter 38, O.S.L. 2022 (36 O.S. Supp.  
14 2022, Section 6960), which relates to definitions;  
15 defining terms; creating PBM disclosures; amending 36  
16 O.S. 2021, Section 6962, as amended by Section 2,  
17 Chapter 38, O.S.L. 2022 (36 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section  
18 6962), which relates to pharmacy benefits manager  
19 compliance; creating duties; amending 36 O.S. 2021,  
20 Section 6964, which relates to a formulary for  
21 prescription drugs; creating agency duties; providing  
22 cost sharing calculation methodology, limitations,  
23 and requirements; creating penalties; clarifying  
24 authority to take certain actions; prohibiting the  
disclosure of certain information; declaring that  
certain information not be considered public record;  
providing for noncodification; providing for  
codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

22 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Rebate  
23 Pass-Through and PBM Meaningful Transparency Act of 2023".  
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SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 357, is

amended to read as follows:

Section 357. As used in this act:

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

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

3. "Department" means the Oklahoma Insurance Department;

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

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

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

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

1        7. "Pharmacy benefits manager" or "PBM" means a person,  
2 business or other entity that, either directly or through an  
3 intermediary, performs pharmacy benefits management. The term  
4 includes a person or entity acting for a PBM in a contractual or  
5 employment relationship in the performance of pharmacy benefits  
6 management for a managed care company, nonprofit hospital, medical  
7 service organization, insurance company, third-party payor, or a  
8 health program administered by an agency of this state. PBM does  
9 not include a Pharmacy Services Administrative Organization;

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

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

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

20       Section 358. A. In order to provide pharmacy benefits  
21 management or any of the services included under the definition of  
22 pharmacy benefits management in this state, a pharmacy benefits  
23 manager or any entity acting as one in a contractual or employment  
24 relationship for a covered entity shall first obtain a license from

1 the Oklahoma Insurance Department, and the Department may charge a  
2 fee for such licensure.

3 B. The Department shall establish, by regulation, licensure  
4 procedures, required disclosures for pharmacy benefits managers  
5 (PBMs) and other rules as may be necessary for carrying out and  
6 enforcing the provisions of this act. The licensure procedures  
7 shall, at a minimum, include the completion of an application form  
8 that shall include ~~the name and address of an agent for service of~~  
9 ~~process, the payment of a requisite fee, and evidence of the~~  
10 ~~procurement of a surety bond~~ the following:

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

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

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

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

17 5. The name and address of each person with a beneficial  
18 ownership interest in the PBMs;

19 6. In the case of a PBM applicant that is a partnership or  
20 other unincorporated association, limited liability corporation, or  
21 corporation, and has five or more partners, members, or  
22 stockholders:

- 1        a. the applicant shall specify its legal structure and  
2        the total number of partners, members, or  
3        stockholders,
- 4        b. the applicant shall specify the name, address, usual  
5        occupation, and professional qualifications of the  
6        five partners, members, or stockholders with the five  
7        largest ownership interests in the PBM, and
- 8        c. the applicant shall agree that, upon request by the  
9        Department, it shall furnish the Department with  
10       information regarding the name, address, usual  
11       occupation, and professional qualifications of any  
12       other partners, members, or stockholders;

13       7. A signed statement indicating that the PBM has not been  
14       convicted of a felony and has not violated any of the requirements  
15       of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act and the Patient's Right to Pharmacy  
16       Choice Act, or, if the applicant cannot provide such a statement, a  
17       signed statement describing all relevant convictions or violations;  
18       and

19       8. Any other information the Commissioner deems necessary to  
20       review.

21       C. The Department may subpoena witnesses and information. Its  
22       compliance officers may take and copy records for investigative use  
23       and prosecutions. Nothing in this subsection shall limit the Office

1 of the Attorney General from using its investigative demand  
2 authority to investigate and prosecute violations of the law.

3 D. The Department may suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or  
4 renew a license for noncompliance with any of the provisions hereby  
5 established or with the rules promulgated by the Department; for  
6 conduct likely to mislead, deceive or defraud the public or the  
7 Department; for unfair or deceptive business practices or for  
8 nonpayment of a renewal fee or fine. The Department may also levy  
9 administrative fines for each count of which a PBM has been  
10 convicted in a Department hearing.

11 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2021, Section 6960, as  
12 amended by Section 1, Chapter 38, O.S.L. 2022 (36 O.S. Supp. 2022,  
13 Section 6960), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

22 2. "Aggregate retained rebate percentage" means the percentage  
23 of all rebates received by a PBM from all pharmaceutical  
24 manufacturers which is not passed on to the PBM's health plan or

1 health insurer clients. Aggregate retained rebate percentage shall  
2 be expressed without disclosing any identifying information  
3 regarding any health plan, prescription drug, or therapeutic class,  
4 and shall be calculated by dividing:

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

9       b. the aggregate dollar amount of all rebates that the  
10       pharmacy benefits manager received during the prior  
11       calendar year from all pharmaceutical manufacturers;

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

15       4. "Formulary" means a list of prescription drugs, as well as  
16 accompanying tiering and other coverage information, that has been  
17 developed by an issuer, a health plan, or the designee of a health  
18 insurer or health plan, which the health insurer, health plan, or  
19 designee of the health insurer or health plan references in  
20 determining applicable coverage and benefit levels;

21       5. "Generic equivalent" means a drug that is designated to be  
22 therapeutically equivalent, as indicated by the United States Food  
23 and Drug Administration's "Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic  
24 Equivalence Evaluations"; provided, however, that a drug shall not



1 be considered a generic equivalent until the drug becomes nationally  
2 available;

3 6. "Health insurer" means any corporation, association, benefit  
4 society, exchange, partnership or individual subject to state law  
5 requires insurance and licensed by under the Oklahoma Insurance  
6 Code;

7 7. "Health insurer administrative service fees" means fees or  
8 payments from a health insurer or a designee of the health insurer  
9 to, or otherwise retained by, a PBM or its designee pursuant to a  
10 contract between a PBM or affiliate, and the health insurer or  
11 designee of the health insurer in connection with the PBM managing  
12 or administering the pharmacy benefit and administering, invoicing,  
13 allocating, and collecting rebates;

14 ~~2.~~ 8. "Health insurer payor" means a health insurance company,  
15 health maintenance organization, union, hospital and medical  
16 services organization or any entity providing or administering a  
17 self-funded health benefit plan;

18 9. "Health plan" means a policy, contract, certification, or  
19 agreement offered or issued by a health insurer to provide, deliver,  
20 arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the costs of health  
21 services;

22 ~~3.~~ 10. "Mail-order pharmacy" means a pharmacy licensed by this  
23 state that primarily dispenses and delivers covered drugs via common  
24 carrier;

1       ~~4.~~ 11. "Pharmacy benefits manager" or "PBM" means a person  
2 that, either directly or through an intermediary, performs pharmacy  
3 benefits management, as defined in paragraph 6 of Section 357 of  
4 Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and any other person acting for  
5 such person under a contractual or employment relationship in the  
6 performance of pharmacy benefits management for a managed-care  
7 company, nonprofit hospital, medical service organization, insurance  
8 company, third-party payor or a health program administered by a  
9 department of this state. PBM does not include a Pharmacy Services  
10 Administrative Organization;

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

14       13. "Price protection rebate" means a negotiated price  
15 concession that accrues directly or indirectly to the health  
16 insurer, or other party on behalf of the health insurer, in the  
17 event of an increase in the wholesale acquisition of a drug above a  
18 specified threshold;

19       ~~5.~~ 14. "Provider" means a pharmacy, as defined in Section 353.1  
20 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes or an agent or representative  
21 of a pharmacy;

22       15. "Rebates" means:

23       a. negotiated price concessions including, but not  
24       limited to, base price concessions (whether described

1 as a rebate or otherwise) and reasonable estimates of  
2 any price protection rebates and performance-based  
3 price concessions that may accrue directly or  
4 indirectly to a health insurer, health plan, or PBM  
5 during the coverage year from a manufacturer,  
6 dispensing pharmacy, or other party in connection with  
7 the dispensing or administration of a prescription  
8 drug, and

9 b. reasonable estimates of any price concessions, fees,  
10 and other administrative costs that are passed  
11 through, or are reasonably anticipated to be passed  
12 through, to a health insurer, health plan, or PBM and  
13 serve to reduce the health insurer, health plan, or  
14 PBM's liabilities for a prescription drug;

15 ~~6.~~ 16. "Retail pharmacy network" means retail pharmacy  
16 providers contracted with a PBM in which the pharmacy primarily  
17 fills and sells prescriptions via a retail, storefront location;

18 ~~7.~~ 17. "Rural service area" means a five-digit ZIP code in  
19 which the population density is less than one thousand (1,000)  
20 individuals per square mile;

21 ~~8.~~ 18. "Spread pricing" means a prescription drug pricing model  
22 utilized by a pharmacy benefits manager in which the PBM charges a  
23 health benefit plan a contracted price for prescription drugs that  
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differs from the amount the PBM directly or indirectly pays the pharmacy or pharmacist for providing pharmacy services;

~~9.~~ 19. "Suburban service area" means a five-digit ZIP code in which the population density is between one thousand (1,000) and three thousand (3,000) individuals per square mile; and

~~10.~~ 20. "Urban service area" means a five-digit ZIP code in which the population density is greater than three thousand (3,000) individuals per square mile.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2021, Section 6962, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 38, O.S.L. 2022 (36 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 6962), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

a. the submission of a claim,

b. enrollment or participation in a retail pharmacy network, or

1           c.    the development or management of claims processing  
2                services or claims payment services related to  
3                participation in a retail pharmacy network;

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

11          4.   Deny a provider the opportunity to participate in any  
12  pharmacy network at preferred participation status if the provider  
13  is willing to accept the terms and conditions that the PBM has  
14  established for other providers as a condition of preferred network  
15  participation status;

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

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

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

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

8. ~~Conduct or practice~~ Either directly or through an intermediary, agent, or affiliate, engage in, facilitate, or enter into a contract with another person involving spread pricing, as defined in Section ~~±~~ 6960 of this act title, in this state; or

9. Charge a pharmacist or pharmacy a fee related to participation in a retail pharmacy network including but not limited to the following:

- a. an application fee,
- b. an enrollment or participation fee,
- c. a credentialing or re-credentialing fee,
- d. a change of ownership fee, or
- e. a fee for the development or management of claims processing services or claims payment services; or

10. Prohibit or penalize a pharmacy or pharmacist for:

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

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

3           (2) outside his or her health plan prescription drug  
4           benefit, without requesting any health plan  
5           reimbursement, than the drug that was originally  
6           prescribed, or

7       b. selling to an individual, instead of a particular  
8       prescribed drug, a therapeutically equivalent drug  
9       that would be less expensive to the 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, than the drug that was originally  
15           prescribed.

16       C. The prohibitions under this section shall apply to contracts  
17 between pharmacy benefits managers and providers for participation  
18 in retail pharmacy networks.

19       1. A PBM contract shall:

20           a. not restrict, directly or indirectly, any pharmacy  
21           that dispenses a prescription drug from informing, or  
22           penalize such pharmacy for informing, an individual of  
23           any differential between the individual's out-of-  
24           pocket cost or coverage with respect to acquisition of

1 the drug and the amount an individual would pay to  
2 purchase the drug directly, and

3 b. ensure that any entity that provides pharmacy benefits  
4 management services under a contract with any such  
5 health plan or health insurance coverage does not,  
6 with respect to such plan or coverage, restrict,  
7 directly or indirectly, a pharmacy that dispenses a  
8 prescription drug from informing, or penalize such  
9 pharmacy for informing, a covered individual of any  
10 differential between the individual's out-of-pocket  
11 cost under the plan or coverage with respect to  
12 acquisition of the drug and the amount an individual  
13 would pay for acquisition of the drug without using  
14 any health plan or health insurance coverage.

15 2. A pharmacy benefits manager's contract with a provider shall  
16 not prohibit, restrict or limit disclosure of information to the  
17 Insurance Commissioner, law enforcement or state and federal  
18 governmental officials investigating or examining a complaint or  
19 conducting a review of a pharmacy benefits manager's compliance with  
20 the requirements under the Patient's Right to Pharmacy Choice Act.

21 D. A pharmacy benefits manager shall:

22 1. Establish and maintain an electronic claim inquiry  
23 processing system using the National Council for Prescription Drug  
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1 Programs' current standards to communicate information to pharmacies  
2 submitting claim inquiries;

3 2. Fully disclose to insurers, self-funded employers, unions or  
4 other PBM clients the existence of the respective aggregate  
5 prescription drug discounts, rebates received from drug  
6 manufacturers and pharmacy audit recoupments;

7 3. Provide the Insurance Commissioner, insurers, self-funded  
8 employer plans and unions unrestricted audit rights of and access to  
9 the respective PBM pharmaceutical manufacturer and provider  
10 contracts, plan utilization data, plan pricing data, pharmacy  
11 utilization data and pharmacy pricing data;

12 4. Maintain, for no less than three (3) years, documentation of  
13 all network development activities including but not limited to  
14 contract negotiations and any denials to providers to join networks.  
15 This documentation shall be made available to the Commissioner upon  
16 request;

17 5. Report to the Commissioner, ~~on a quarterly basis~~ in a manner  
18 and form prescribed by the Commissioner, along with any applicable  
19 fees set by the Commissioner, a report on the first day of each  
20 calendar year, containing aggregate information for the prior  
21 calendar year. The report shall include the following information  
22 as it pertains to the PBM's contracts with insurers in the state,  
23 broken out for each health insurer payer, on the following  
24 information:

- 1 a. the aggregate amount of rebates ~~received by~~ the PBM  
2 received from all pharmaceutical manufacturers,
- 3 b. the aggregate amount of rebates distributed to the  
4 appropriate health insurer ~~payor,~~
- 5 c. the aggregate amount of rebates that the PBM received  
6 from all pharmaceutical manufacturers and did not pass  
7 through to health insurers,
- 8 d. the aggregate amount of rebates passed on to the  
9 enrollees of each health insurer ~~payor~~ at the point of  
10 sale that reduced the ~~applicable deductible,~~  
11 ~~copayment, coinsure or other~~ defined cost sharing  
12 amount of the enrollee,
- 13 ~~d.~~
- 14 e. the aggregate amount of all administrative fees the  
15 PBM received,
- 16 f. the aggregate amount of health insurer administrative  
17 service fees that the PBM received,
- 18 g. the aggregate amount of all administrative fees that  
19 the PBM received from all pharmaceutical manufacturers  
20 and did not pass through to health insurers,
- 21 h. the aggregate retained rebate percentage, across all  
22 the PBM's contractual or other relationships with all  
23 health insurers, the highest aggregate retained rebate  
24 percentage, the lowest aggregate retained rebate

percentage, and the mean aggregate retained rebate  
percentage,

i. the individual and aggregate amount paid by the health  
insurer ~~payer~~ to the PBM for pharmacy services  
itemized by pharmacy, drug product and service  
provided, and

e.

j. the individual and aggregate amount a PBM paid a  
provider for pharmacy services itemized by pharmacy,  
drug product and service provided.

The Department shall publish in a timely manner the information  
that it receives under paragraph 5 of this subsection on a publicly  
available website; provided that such information shall be made  
available in a form that does not disclose the identity of a  
specific health plan or the identity of a specific manufacturer, the  
prices charged for specific drugs or classes of drugs, or the amount  
of any rebates provided for specific drugs or classes of drugs.

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

F. The PBM and the Department shall not publish or otherwise  
disclose any information that would reveal the identity of a  
specific health plan, the price(s) charged for a specific drug or

1 class of drugs, the amount of any rebates provided for a specific  
2 drug or class of drugs, the manufacturer, or that would otherwise  
3 have the potential to compromise the financial, competitive, or  
4 proprietary nature of the information. Any such information shall  
5 be protected from disclosure as confidential and proprietary  
6 information, is not a public record as defined in the Oklahoma Open  
7 Records Act, Section 24A.1 et seq. of Title 51 of the Oklahoma  
8 Statutes, and shall not be disclosed directly or indirectly. A PBM  
9 shall impose the confidentiality protections of this section on any  
10 vendor or downstream third party that performs health care or  
11 administrative services on behalf of the PBM and that may receive or  
12 have access to rebate information.

13 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2021, Section 6964, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

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

21 B. ~~A health insurer shall prohibit conflicts of interest for~~  
22 ~~members of the P&T committee.~~ The P&T committee shall review the  
23 formulary annually and must meet the following requirements:  
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1       1. ~~A person may not serve on a P&T committee if the person is~~  
2 ~~currently employed or was employed within the preceding year by a~~  
3 ~~pharmaceutical manufacturer, developer, labeler, wholesaler or~~  
4 ~~distributor.~~ A majority of P&T committee members shall be practicing  
5 physicians, practicing pharmacists, or both, and shall be licensed  
6 in Oklahoma;

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.~~ P&T  
13 committee members shall practice in various clinical specialties  
14 that adequately represent the needs of health plan enrollees, and  
15 there shall be an adequate number of high-volume specialists and  
16 specialists treating rare and orphan diseases;

17       3. The P&T committee shall meet no less frequently than on a  
18 quarterly basis;

19       4. P&T committee formulary development shall be conducted  
20 pursuant to a transparent process, and formulary decisions and  
21 rationale shall be documented in writing, with any records and  
22 documents relating to the process available upon request to the  
23 health plan, subject to the conditions in subsection C of this  
24 section. In the case of P&T committee decisions that relate to

1 Medicaid managed care organizations' prescription drug coverage  
2 policies, if the P&T committee relies upon any third party to  
3 provide cost-effectiveness analysis or research, the P&T committee  
4 shall:

5       a.   disclose to the health benefit plan, the state, and  
6       the general public the name of the relevant third  
7       party, and

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

11       5. Specialists with current clinical expertise who actively  
12 treat patients in a specific therapeutic area, and the specific  
13 conditions within a therapeutic area, shall participate in formulary  
14 decisions regarding each therapeutic area and specific condition;

15       6. The P&T committee shall base its clinical decisions on the  
16 strength of scientific evidence, standards of practice, and  
17 nationally accepted treatment guidelines;

18       7. The P&T committee shall consider whether a particular drug  
19 has a clinically meaningful therapeutic advantage over other drugs  
20 in terms of safety, effectiveness, or clinical outcome for patient  
21 populations who may be treated with the drug;

22       8. The P&T committee shall evaluate and analyze treatment  
23 protocols and procedures related to the health plan's formulary at  
24 least annually;

1       9. The P&T committee shall review formulary management  
2 activities, including exceptions and appeals processes, prior  
3 authorization, step therapy, quantity limits, generic substitutions,  
4 therapeutic interchange, and other drug utilization management  
5 activities for clinical appropriateness and consistency with  
6 industry standards and patient and provider organization guidelines;

7       10. The P&T committee shall annually review and provide a  
8 written report to the pharmacy benefits manager on:

- 9       a. the percentage of prescription drugs on formulary  
10       subject to each of the types of utilization management  
11       described in paragraph 9 of this subsection,
- 12       b. rates of adherence and nonadherence to medicines by  
13       therapeutic area,
- 14       c. rates of abandonment of medicines by therapeutic area,
- 15       d. recommendations for improved adherence and reduced  
16       abandonment,
- 17       e. recommendations for improvement in formulary  
18       management practices consistent with patient and  
19       provider organization and other clinical guidelines;  
20       provided that the report shall be subject to the  
21       conditions in subsection C of this section;

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

3 12. The P&T committee shall review procedures for medical  
4 review of, and transitioning new plan enrollees to, appropriate  
5 formulary alternatives to ensure that such procedures appropriately  
6 address situations involving enrollees stabilized on drugs that are  
7 not on the health plan formulary (or that are on formulary but  
8 subject to prior authorization, step therapy, or other utilization  
9 management requirements).

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



1 care or administrative services on behalf of the pharmacy benefits  
2 manager that may receive or have access to rebate information.

3 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6962.2 of Title 36, unless there  
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. An enrollee's defined cost sharing for each prescription  
7 drug shall be calculated at the point of sale based on a price that  
8 is reduced by an amount equal to at least eighty-five percent (85%)  
9 of all rebates received, or to be received, in connection with the  
10 dispensing or administration of the prescription drug.

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

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

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

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

16 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6970 of Title 36, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. For purposes of this section:

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

23 2. "Insurer" means any health insurance issuer that is subject  
24 to state law regulating insurance and offers health insurance

1 coverage, as defined in 42 U.S.C., Section 300gg-91, or any state or  
2 local governmental employer plan;

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

8 4. "Rebate" means:

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

23 B. An enrollee's defined cost sharing for each prescription  
24 drug shall be calculated at the point of sale based on a price that

1 is reduced by an amount equal to at least eighty-five percent (85%)  
2 of all rebates received, or to be received, in connection with the  
3 dispensing or administration of the prescription drug.

4 C. For any violation of this section, the Insurance  
5 Commissioner may subject an insurer to an administrative penalty of  
6 not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Ten  
7 Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each occurrence. Such  
8 administrative penalty may be enforced in the same manner in which  
9 civil judgments may be enforced.

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

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

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

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

9 SECTION 9. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

10 Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of March, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
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