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Bill Analysis

SB 789 requires any entity conducting an audit of a pharmacy to permit a pharmacy to use drug purchase records without limitation of date or source to validate the dispensing of a prescription drug or a controlled dangerous substance. The measure requires any pharmacy benefits manager (PBM) that leases, rents, or otherwise makes its provider network or contracts available to another pharmacy benefits manager to provide notice to all contracted providers of the lease arrangement, provide contact information in each paid or rejected claim response, and transmit the network reimbursement identification information. Such PBM's are prohibited from combining any Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) or government plans with any non-ERISA or nongovernment plans. The measure prohibits effective rate contracting between pharmacies or contracting agents acting on behalf of a pharmacy and a PBM or third-party payors. Any PBM or third-party payor violating this prohibition shall be subject to fines and revocation of licensure.

House Amendments

HA's to SB 789 completely replaces engrossed language with the language described above.

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