

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 11, 2024

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE
4 BILL NO. 1713

By: Marti of the House

5 and

6 Garvin and Hicks of the
7 Senate

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9 An Act relating to pharmacies; defining terms;
10 creating certain requirements; creating a penalty;
11 providing for codification; and declaring an
12 emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6969 of Title 36, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. As used in this section:

18 1. "Health benefit plan" means a health benefit plan as defined
19 pursuant to Section 6060.4 in Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

20 2. "Pharmacy benefits manager" means a person that performs
21 pharmacy benefits management and any other person acting for such
22 person under a contractual or employment relationship in the
23 performance of pharmacy benefits management for a managed-care
24 company, not-for-profit hospital, medical services organization,

1 insurance company, third-party payor, or a health program
2 administered by a state agency; and

3 3. "White bagged drugs" means the distribution of physician
4 administered medication from a pharmacy, typically a specialty
5 pharmacy, to the physician's office, hospital, or clinic for
6 administration.

7 B. All health benefit plans and pharmacy benefits managers in
8 this state shall not refuse to authorize, approve, or pay a
9 participating provider for providing covered physician-administered
10 drugs to covered persons.

11 C. All white bagged drugs distributed in this state shall meet
12 supply chain security controls set forth by the federal Drug Supply
13 Chain Security Act as amended.

14 D. A health benefit plan or a pharmacy benefits manager of a
15 plan shall not require a covered patient to self-administer an
16 injectable drug against a health care provider's recommendation in
17 accordance with the manufacturer's approved guidelines.

18 E. Health benefit plans shall not require a covered patient to
19 pay additional fees for white bagged drugs beyond cost-sharing
20 obligations as outlined in the individual's plan.

21 F. Providers and health care facilities shall be permitted to
22 dispense and administer a covered physician-administered drug based
23 on a patient's best interest, provided that the health care facility
24 or provider that administers the drug shall agree to the terms and

1 conditions of network participation and accept, as payment in full,
2 reimbursement for the drug at the health insurer's negotiated
3 contracted rate. The health care facility or provider is prohibited
4 from billing or collecting from the patient any amount in excess of
5 or in addition to the patient's cost sharing obligations as outlined
6 in the individual's plan.

7 G. Any payor in violation of this act shall be fined a minimum
8 of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per violation, but not more
9 than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per violation. Fines related
10 to this section shall not be used when calculating payors, plans, or
11 members loss ratios and losses incurred pursuant to this subsection
12 shall not be passed on to the consumer in future rate increases.

13 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
14 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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