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A bill for an act

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relating to health; prohibiting penalties to pharmacists for sharing certain

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information with individuals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 151.214,

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by adding a subdivision.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 151.214, is amended by adding a subdivision

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to read:

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Subd. 3. Reimbursement criteria. (a) A contract for pharmacy services entered into

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between a pharmacist or a pharmacy and a health plan company or a pharmacy benefits

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manager shall not contain any provision prohibiting a pharmacist from, or penalizing a

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pharmacist for, disclosing to an individual purchasing prescription medication information

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regarding:

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(1) the cost of the prescription medication to the individual;

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(2) the payment criteria used by the health plan company or pharmacy benefits manager;

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(3) the availability of any therapeutically equivalent alternative medications, or alternative

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methods of purchasing the prescription medication, including but not limited to paying a

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cash price that is less expensive to the individual than the cost of the prescription medication

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that is recommended by the health plan company or pharmacy benefits manager.

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(b) Prohibiting or penalizing, as referred to in paragraph (a), includes but is not limited

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to reduced payments to the pharmacist, the use of increased utilization review, or other

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financial disincentives designed to ensure the use of the recommended drug.