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H. F. No. 743

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce
- 03/04/2019 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy
- 03/11/2019 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; modifying payment for certain prescription medications;

1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.71, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.71, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.6 to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. Lowest cost to consumers. (a) A health plan company or pharmacy benefits

1.8 manager shall not require an individual to make a payment at the point of sale for a covered

1.9 prescription medication in an amount greater than the allowable cost to consumers, as

1.10 defined in paragraph (b).

1.11 (b) For purposes of paragraph (a), "allowable cost to consumers" means the lowest of

1.12 (1) the applicable co-payment for the prescription medication, (2) the allowable claim

1.13 amount for the prescription medication, or (3) the amount an individual would pay for the

1.14 prescription medication if the individual purchased the prescription medication without

1.15 using a health plan benefit.