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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 149

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health care; prohibiting a health plan company from contractually
1.3 preventing a pharmacist from informing a patient of a price differential; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.214.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 151.214, is amended to read:

1.7 151.214 PAYMENT DISCLOSURE.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Explanation of pharmacy benefits. A pharmacist licensed under this
1.9 chapter must provide to a patient, for each prescription dispensed where part or all of the
1.10 cost of the prescription is being paid or reimbursed by an employer-sponsored plan or health
1.11 plan company, or its contracted pharmacy benefit manager, the patient's co-payment amount
1.12 and, the pharmacy's own usual and customary price of the prescription or, and the net amount
1.13 the pharmacy will be paid for the prescription drug receive from all sources for dispensing
1.14 the prescription drug, once the claim has been completed by the patient's employer-sponsored
1.15 plan or health plan company, or its contracted pharmacy benefit manager.

1.16 Subd. 2. No prohibition on disclosure. No contracting agreement between an
1.17 employer-sponsored health plan or health plan company, or its contracted pharmacy benefit
1.18 manager, and a resident or nonresident pharmacy registered licensed under this chapter,
1.19 may prohibit the:

1.20 (1) a pharmacy from disclosing to patients information a pharmacy is required or given
1.21 the option to provide under subdivision 1; or

- 2.1 (2) a pharmacist from informing a patient when the amount the patient is required to
2.2 pay under the patient's health plan for a particular drug is greater than the amount the patient
2.3 would be required to pay for the same drug if purchased out-of-pocket at the pharmacy's
2.4 usual and customary price.