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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the preferred drug formulary to be used by  
2 certain state entities.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. PREFERRED DRUG FORMULARY. The department of  
2 workforce development, the department of human services, and  
3 the Iowa prescription drug corporation, to the greatest extent  
4 possible and allowed under state and federal law and  
5 regulation, shall develop and utilize the same preferred drug  
6 formulary for prescription drugs purchased under programs  
7 under the purview of either department or the Iowa  
8 prescription drug corporation. The departments and the Iowa  
9 prescription drug corporation shall submit a report to the  
10 governor and the general assembly by October 1, 2002,  
11 regarding progress in the development and implementation of  
12 the preferred drug formulary.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill directs the department of workforce development,  
15 the department of human services, and the Iowa prescription  
16 drug corporation, to the greatest extent possible and allowed  
17 under law and regulation, to develop and utilize the same  
18 preferred drug formulary for prescription drugs purchased  
19 under programs under the purview of either department or the  
20 Iowa prescription drug corporation. The bill requires that a  
21 progress report be submitted to the governor and the general  
22 assembly by October 1, 2002.

23 The Iowa prescription drug corporation is a nonprofit  
24 corporation that was organized in July 2001 to establish the  
25 Iowa priority prescription savings program. The corporation  
26 received start-up moneys from the federal government. The  
27 Iowa priority prescription savings program provides Medicare-  
28 eligible Iowans with reduced-cost prescription drugs through  
29 negotiated agreements with pharmacy companies. The program  
30 also offers to have a pharmacist perform a comprehensive  
31 review of all prescription and over-the-counter medications  
32 and herbal remedies used by a Medicare-eligible Iowan.

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