

**House File 2473 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to pharmacy benefits managers, pharmacies, and  
2 prescription drug benefits, and including applicability  
3 provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 510B.1, Code 2024, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 9A. *“Mail order pharmacy provider”* means a  
4 pharmacy whose primary business is to dispense a prescription  
5 drug or device under a prescription drug order and to deliver  
6 the prescription drug or device to a covered person by mail,  
7 common carrier, or delivery service.

8 Sec. 2. Section 510B.8, Code 2024, is amended by adding the  
9 following new subsections:

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Any amount paid by a covered person for  
11 a prescription drug purchased pursuant to this section shall  
12 be applied to any deductible imposed by the covered person’s  
13 health benefit plan in accordance with the health benefit plan  
14 coverage documents.

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. A covered person shall not be prohibited  
16 from filling a prescription drug order at any pharmacy located  
17 in the state provided that the pharmacy accepts the same terms  
18 and conditions as the pharmacies participating in the covered  
19 person’s health benefit plan’s network.

20 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. Excluding incentives in value-based  
21 programs established by a health carrier or a pharmacy benefits  
22 manager to promote the use of higher quality pharmacies,  
23 a pharmacy benefits manager shall not impose different  
24 cost-sharing or additional fees on a covered person based on  
25 the pharmacy at which the covered person fills the covered  
26 person’s prescription drug order.

27 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. A pharmacy benefits manager shall  
28 not require a covered person, as a condition of payment  
29 or reimbursement, to purchase pharmacy services, including  
30 prescription drugs, exclusively through a mail order pharmacy  
31 provider.

32 Sec. 3. **APPLICABILITY.** This Act applies to pharmacy  
33 benefits managers that manage a health carrier’s prescription  
34 drug benefit in the state on or after the effective date of  
35 this Act.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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4 This bill relates to pharmacy benefits managers (PBM),  
5 pharmacies, and prescription drug benefits.

6 The bill requires that any amount paid by a covered person  
7 for a drug in the circumstances detailed in the bill must  
8 be applied to any deductible imposed by the covered person's  
9 health benefit plan in accordance with the plan's coverage  
10 documents. Under the bill, a covered person cannot be  
11 prohibited from filling a drug order at any pharmacy located in  
12 the state if the pharmacy accepts the same terms and conditions  
13 as the covered person's benefit plan. A PBM cannot impose  
14 different cost-sharing or additional fees on a covered person  
15 based on the pharmacy at which a covered person fills their  
16 prescription. A PBM cannot require a covered person, as a  
17 condition of payment or reimbursement, to purchase pharmacy  
18 services, including drugs, exclusively through a mail order  
19 pharmacy provider. "Mail order pharmacy provider" is defined  
20 in the bill.

21 The bill applies to PBMs that manage a health carrier's  
22 prescription drug benefit in the state on or after the  
23 effective date of the bill.