

**House File 213 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

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

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

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1 Section 1. Section 510B.1, Code 2025, 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 the  
6 prescription drug or device to a covered person by mail, common  
7 carrier, or delivery service.

8 Sec. 2. Section 510B.8, Code 2025, 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 be  
12 applied to any deductible imposed by the covered person's health  
13 benefit plan in accordance with the health benefit plan coverage  
14 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, a  
23 pharmacy benefits manager shall not impose different cost-sharing  
24 or additional fees on a covered person based on the pharmacy at  
25 which the covered person fills the covered person's prescription  
26 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 benefits  
33 managers that manage a health carrier's prescription drug benefit  
34 in the state on or after the effective date of this Act.

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EXPLANATION

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

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

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

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