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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MEASURES TO REDUCE HEALTH CARE COSTS RELATED TO  
102 PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,  
103 CREATING THE "COLORADO PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE  
104 TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2020" TO REQUIRE HEALTH INSURERS,  
105 PRESCRIPTION DRUG MANUFACTURERS, PHARMACY BENEFIT  
106 MANAGEMENT FIRMS, AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO  
107 REPORT SPECIFIED INFORMATION ABOUT THE COSTS OF  
108 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE  
109 AND TO DIRECT THE COMMISSIONER TO ANALYZE THE  
110 INFORMATION AND SUBMIT A REPORT REGARDING THE EFFECTS  
111 OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ON HEALTH INSURANCE  
112 PREMIUMS; AND REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS TO REDUCE  
113 INSURANCE PREMIUMS TO ADJUST FOR REBATES THE INSURERS

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

**Section 1** of the bill enacts the "Colorado Prescription Drug Price Transparency Act of 2020", which requires:

- ! Health insurers, starting in 2021, to submit to the commissioner of insurance (commissioner) information regarding prescription drugs covered under their health insurance plans that the health insurers paid for in the preceding calendar year, including information about rebates received from prescription drug manufacturers, a certification regarding how rebates were accounted for in insurance premiums, and a list of all pharmacy benefit management firms (PBMs) with whom they contract;
- ! Prescription drug manufacturers to notify the commissioner, state purchasers, health insurers, PBMs, pharmacies, and hospitals when the manufacturer, on or after January 1, 2021, increases the price of certain prescription drugs by more than specified amounts or introduces a new specialty drug in the commercial market;
- ! Prescription drug manufacturers, within 15 days after the end of each calendar quarter that starts on or after January 1, 2021, to provide specified information to the commissioner regarding the drugs about which the manufacturer notified purchasers;
- ! Health insurers or, if applicable, PBMs to annually report specified information to the commissioner regarding rebates and administrative fees received from manufacturers for prescription drugs they paid for in the prior calendar year and the average wholesale price paid for prescription drugs by individuals, small employers, and large employers enrolled in health plans issued by the health insurer or that contain prescription drug benefits managed or administered by the PBM; and
- ! Certain nonprofit organizations to compile and submit to the commissioner an annual report indicating the amount of each payment, donation, subsidy, or thing of value received by the nonprofit organization or its officers, employees, or

board members from a prescription drug manufacturer, PBM, health insurer, or trade association and the percentage of the nonprofit organization's total gross income that is attributable to those payments, donations, subsidies, or things of value.

The commissioner is required to post the information received from health insurers, prescription drug manufacturers, PBMs, and nonprofit organizations on the division of insurance's website, excluding any information that the commissioner determines is proprietary. Additionally, the commissioner, or a disinterested third-party contractor, is to analyze the data reported by health insurers, prescription drug manufacturers, PBMs, and nonprofit organizations and other relevant information to determine the effect of prescription drug costs on health insurance premiums. The commissioner is to publish a report each year, submit the report to the governor and specified legislative committees, and present the report during annual "State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent (SMART) Government Act" hearings. The commissioner is authorized to adopt rules as necessary to implement the requirements of the bill.

Health insurers that fail to report the required data are subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 per day per report. Nonprofit organizations are subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 for failure to comply with reporting requirements.

**Section 2** specifies that failing to ensure that a PBM that a health insurer uses to manage or administer its prescription drug benefits is complying with reporting requirements constitutes an unfair method of competition and an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance.

**Section 3** specifies that a PBM is an entity that manages or administers prescription drug benefits for a health insurer, either pursuant to a contract or as an entity associated with the health insurer.

Under **sections 4 and 5**, a prescription drug manufacturer that fails to notify purchasers or fails to report required data to the commissioner is subject to discipline by the state board of pharmacy, including a penalty of up to \$10,000 per day for each day the manufacturer fails to comply with the notice or reporting requirements. The commissioner is to report manufacturer violations to the state board of pharmacy.

**Section 6** requires a health insurer to reduce premiums for the health plans it issues or renews on or after January 1, 2022, to adjust for the rebates the health insurer received from prescription drug manufacturers in the previous plan year.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

1                 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 12 to article  
2         16 of title 10 as follows:

3   PART 12

4   PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE TRANSPARENCY

5                 **10-16-1201. Short title.** THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS PART 12 IS THE  
6         "COLORADO PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2020".

7                 **10-16-1202. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL  
8         ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THE STATE OF COLORADO HAS A  
9         SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE PRICE AND COST OF PRESCRIPTION  
10        DRUGS BECAUSE THE STATE IS A MAJOR PURCHASER OF PRESCRIPTION  
11        DRUGS THROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS, STATE AGENCIES, AND  
12        STATE EMPLOYEE GROUP BENEFIT PLANS. PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES AND  
13        COSTS ARE ALSO AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR COLORADANS, MANY OF WHOM  
14        ARE DIRECTLY AND NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BY HIGH PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
15        PRICES. THEREFORE, THE PURPOSE OF THIS PART 12 IS TO PROVIDE NOTICE  
16        AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO THE COST AND PRICING  
17        OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE  
18        STATE AND TO ALL COLORADANS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING.

19                (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER DECLARES THAT THIS PART  
20        12 IS INTENDED TO CREATE TRANSPARENCY IN PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
21        PRICING AND DOES NOT:

22                (a) PRECLUDE A MANUFACTURER OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG FROM  
23        MAKING PRICING DECISIONS REGARDING ITS PRESCRIPTION DRUGS,  
24        INCLUDING PRICE INCREASES; OR

25                (b) PRECLUDE PURCHASERS, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, AS WELL  
26        AS PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRMS, FROM NEGOTIATING  
27        DISCOUNTS AND REBATES CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING STATE AND

1 FEDERAL LAW.

2 **10-16-1203. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 12, UNLESS THE  
3 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

4 (1) "AVERAGE WHOLESAL PRICE" MEANS THE AVERAGE  
5 WHOLESAL PRICE OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG AS DETERMINED AND  
6 PUBLISHED BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED DRUG COMPENDIUM.

7 (2) "COURSE OF THERAPY" MEANS EITHER:

8 (a) THE RECOMMENDED DAILY DOSAGE UNITS OF A PRESCRIPTION  
9 DRUG FOR A THIRTY-DAY TREATMENT PURSUANT TO THE PACKAGE INSERT  
10 FOR THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AS APPROVED BY THE FDA; OR

11 (b) THE RECOMMENDED DAILY DOSAGE UNITS OF A PRESCRIPTION  
12 DRUG FOR A NORMAL COURSE OF TREATMENT THAT IS LESS THAN THIRTY  
13 DAYS PURSUANT TO THE PACKAGE INSERT FOR THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AS  
14 APPROVED BY THE FDA.

15 (3) "DISINTERESTED THIRD PARTY" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT HAS  
16 NO FINANCIAL INTEREST IN, IS NOT EMPLOYED OR FUNDED BY, AND IS NOT  
17 OTHERWISE CONNECTED WITH ANY MANUFACTURER, HEALTH INSURER,  
18 PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT  
19 IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT REPORTS TO THE COMMISSIONER PURSUANT TO  
20 SECTION 10-16-1208, OR OTHER PERSON THAT HAS A FINANCIAL INTEREST  
21 IN THE OUTCOME OF THE ANALYSES OR REPORTS REQUIRED BY THIS PART  
22 12.

23 (4) "FDA" MEANS THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG  
24 ADMINISTRATION.

25 (5) "HEALTH INSURER" MEANS:

26 (a) A CARRIER AS DEFINED IN SECTION 10-16-102 (8); AND

27 (b) A CARRIER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-50-603 (2), THAT

1 PROVIDES OR ADMINISTERS A GROUP BENEFIT PLAN FOR STATE EMPLOYEES  
2 PURSUANT TO PART 6 OF ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 24.

3 (6) "LINE EXTENSION" MEANS, WITH RESPECT TO A PRESCRIPTION  
4 DRUG, A NEW OR AN ADDITIONAL FORMULATION OF THE PRESCRIPTION  
5 DRUG, SUCH AS AN EXTENDED RELEASE FORMULATION.

6 (7) "MANUFACTURE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SPECIFIED IN  
7 SECTION 12-280-103 (26).

8 (8) "MANUFACTURER" MEANS:

9 (a) A PERSON THAT MANUFACTURES A PRESCRIPTION DRUG THAT  
10 IS MADE AVAILABLE IN COLORADO; AND

11 (b) A HOLDING COMPANY, PARENT COMPANY, OR OTHER AFFILIATE  
12 OF A PERSON DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (8)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

13 (9) "MEDICARE PART D PROGRAM" MEANS THE "MEDICARE  
14 PRESCRIPTION DRUG, IMPROVEMENT, AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF  
15 2003", PUB.L. 108-173, AS AMENDED, CODIFIED IN PART D OF TITLE XVIII  
16 OF THE "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1395w-101 ET SEQ.

17 (10) "PHARMACY" MEANS ANY FACILITY, OUTLET, OR OTHER  
18 SETTING WHERE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ARE DISPENSED TO PATIENTS AND  
19 THAT IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 280 OF TITLE 12 TO BE  
20 REGISTERED BY THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY. "PHARMACY" INCLUDES  
21 AN IN-STATE OR NONRESIDENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG OUTLET, AS DEFINED  
22 IN SECTION 12-280-103 (43); AN OTHER OUTLET, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
23 12-280-103 (32); A HOSPITAL SATELLITE PHARMACY, AS DEFINED IN  
24 SECTION 12-280-103 (20); OR OTHER SETTING, INCLUDING A  
25 PRACTITIONER'S OFFICE OR CLINIC, WHERE A PRACTITIONER, AS DEFINED  
26 IN SECTION 12-280-103 (40), DISPENSES PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO PATIENTS  
27 AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 12-280-120 (6).

1 (11) "PRESCRIPTION DRUG" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SPECIFIED  
2 IN SECTION 12-280-103 (42).

3 (12) "PRICE" MEANS THE WHOLESALE ACQUISITION COST AS  
4 DEFINED IN 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1395w-3a (c)(6)(B).

5 (13) "PURCHASER" MEANS:

6 (a) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING,  
7 THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
8 SERVICES, AND ANY OTHER STATE DEPARTMENT THAT PURCHASES  
9 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OR AN ENTITY ACTING ON  
10 BEHALF OF A STATE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING A PHARMACY BENEFIT  
11 MANAGEMENT FIRM;

12 (b) A HEALTH INSURER;

13 (c) A PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM;

14 (d) A PHARMACY; OR

15 (e) A HOSPITAL.

16 (14) "REBATE" MEANS A REBATE, DISCOUNT, MARKET SHARE  
17 ALLOWANCE, REMUNERATION, COMPENSATION, OR OTHER PAYMENT OR  
18 PRICE CONCESSION PROVIDED BY A MANUFACTURER TO A PHARMACY  
19 BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM OR HEALTH INSURER.

20 (15) "SPECIALTY DRUG" MEANS A PRESCRIPTION DRUG THAT  
21 MEETS THE THRESHOLD FOR A SPECIALTY DRUG UNDER THE MEDICARE  
22 PART D PROGRAM.

23 **10-16-1204. Health insurer annual reports to commissioner -**  
24 **prescription drug costs - rules - penalty.** (1) STARTING IN 2021, A  
25 HEALTH INSURER DESCRIBED IN SECTION 10-16-1203 (5)(a) SHALL REPORT  
26 TO THE COMMISSIONER, CONTEMPORANEOUS WITH ITS RATE FILING  
27 PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-107 AND IN THE FORM AND MANNER

1 SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER THAT ENSURES THE INFORMATION IS  
2 SEPARATED FROM THE RATE FILING INFORMATION, THE INFORMATION  
3 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION AND THE CERTIFICATION  
4 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION. A HEALTH INSURER  
5 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 10-16-1203 (5)(b) SHALL FILE THE INFORMATION  
6 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION AND THE CERTIFICATION  
7 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION WITH THE COMMISSIONER  
8 BY A DATE SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER THAT COINCIDES WITH RATE  
9 FILINGS FOR HEALTH INSURERS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 10-16-1203 (5)(a).

10 (2) (a) FOR ALL COVERED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DISPENSED AT A  
11 PHARMACY AND PAID FOR BY A HEALTH INSURER IN THIS STATE DURING  
12 THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR, INCLUDING GENERIC  
13 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, BRAND-NAME PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, AND SPECIALTY  
14 DRUGS, THE HEALTH INSURER SHALL REPORT THE FOLLOWING  
15 INFORMATION IN A FORM AND MANNER AND WITH SPECIFIED DETAILS  
16 PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER BY RULE:

17 (I) THE TOP FIFTY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, BY VOLUME, CALCULATED  
18 BY UNIT, FOR WHICH THE HEALTH INSURER PAID;

19 (II) THE FIFTY MOST COSTLY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, BY TOTAL  
20 ANNUAL PLAN SPENDING, FOR WHICH THE HEALTH INSURER PAID;

21 (III) THE FIFTY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PAID FOR BY THE HEALTH  
22 INSURER THAT ACCOUNTED FOR THE HIGHEST INCREASE IN TOTAL ANNUAL  
23 PLAN SPENDING WHEN COMPARED WITH THE TOTAL ANNUAL PLAN  
24 SPENDING FOR THE SAME PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IN THE YEAR IMMEDIATELY  
25 PRECEDING THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE INFORMATION IS REPORTED;

26 (IV) THE FIFTY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT CAUSED THE GREATEST  
27 INCREASE IN THE HEALTH INSURER'S PREMIUMS;



1 (V) THE FIFTY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT THE HEALTH INSURER  
2 PAID FOR THE MOST FREQUENTLY AND FOR WHICH THE HEALTH INSURER  
3 RECEIVED A REBATE FROM MANUFACTURERS;

4 (VI) THE FIFTY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR WHICH THE HEALTH  
5 INSURER RECEIVED THE HIGHEST REBATE, AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE PRICE  
6 OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG; AND

7 (VII) THE FIFTY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR WHICH THE HEALTH  
8 INSURER RECEIVED THE HIGHEST REBATES.

9 (b) THE COMMISSIONER, BY RULE, MAY CHANGE THE NUMBER OF  
10 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ABOUT WHICH HEALTH INSURERS ARE REQUIRED TO  
11 REPORT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2); EXCEPT THAT THE  
12 COMMISSIONER SHALL NOT REDUCE THE NUMBER TO FEWER THAN  
13 TWENTY-FIVE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

14 (3) EACH HEALTH INSURER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSIONER,  
15 IN A FORM AND MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND IN  
16 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION:

17 (a) A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION, INCLUDING SUPPORTING  
18 DOCUMENTATION, FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR  
19 CERTIFYING THAT THE HEALTH INSURER ACCOUNTED FOR ALL REBATES IN  
20 CALCULATING THE PREMIUM FOR HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS THAT THE  
21 HEALTH INSURER ISSUED OR RENEWED DURING THAT CALENDAR YEAR AND  
22 SPECIFYING THE MANNER BY WHICH THE HEALTH INSURER ACCOUNTED  
23 FOR THE REBATES IN HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN PREMIUMS; AND

24 (b) A LIST OF ALL PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRMS THE  
25 HEALTH INSURER USES. A HEALTH INSURER SHALL PROVIDE THE  
26 COMMISSIONER, WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS AFTER A CHANGE, WITH  
27 UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT ANY CHANGE IN THE PHARMACY BENEFIT

1 MANAGEMENT FIRMS THE HEALTH INSURER USES, INCLUDING A CHANGE IN  
2 THE NAME OR CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE PHARMACY BENEFIT  
3 MANAGEMENT FIRM.

4 (4) A HEALTH INSURER THAT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE  
5 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO TEN  
6 THOUSAND DOLLARS PER REPORT PER DAY FOR EACH DAY THE HEALTH  
7 INSURER FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL  
8 TRANSMIT ANY MONEY COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (4) TO THE  
9 STATE TREASURER FOR DEPOSIT IN THE GENERAL FUND.

10 (5) AN EMPLOYER OR THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR OF A  
11 SELF-INSURED EMPLOYER PLAN THAT IS NOT OTHERWISE SUBJECT TO THE  
12 JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSIONER IS ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED  
13 TO SUBMIT THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
14 SECTION TO THE COMMISSIONER.

15 **10-16-1205. Drug manufacturers - notice to purchasers and**  
16 **commissioner - drug price increases - new drugs in the market -**  
17 **rules.** (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A MANUFACTURER OF A PRESCRIPTION  
18 DRUG THAT IS PURCHASED OR REIMBURSED BY A PURCHASER.

19 (2) (a) (I) THE MANUFACTURER OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG WITH A  
20 PRICE OF MORE THAN FIFTY DOLLARS FOR A COURSE OF THERAPY SHALL  
21 NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER, IN A FORM AND MANNER SPECIFIED BY THE  
22 COMMISSIONER, AND EACH PURCHASER THAT HAS REGISTERED WITH THE  
23 DIVISION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION OF AN INCREASE  
24 IN THE PRICE OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON  
25 OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021, IF THE INCREASE IN THE PRICE IS:

26 (A) TEN PERCENT OR MORE OVER THE PREVIOUS TWELVE-MONTH  
27 PERIOD;

1 (B) SIXTEEN PERCENT OR MORE OVER THE PREVIOUS  
2 TWENTY-FOUR-MONTH PERIOD; OR

3 (C) TWENTY PERCENT OR MORE OVER THE PREVIOUS  
4 THIRTY-SIX-MONTH PERIOD.

5 (II) FOR THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR AND EACH CALENDAR YEAR  
6 THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSIONER, BY RULE, SHALL ADJUST THE  
7 THRESHOLD PRICE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION  
8 (2)(a) BASED ON THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE UNITED  
9 STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS  
10 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD FOR ALL  
11 ITEMS PAID BY ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, OR ITS APPLICABLE PREDECESSOR  
12 OR SUCCESSOR INDEX.

13 (b) THE MANUFACTURER SHALL PROVIDE THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY  
14 THIS SUBSECTION (2) IN WRITING TO THE COMMISSIONER AND EACH  
15 PURCHASER THAT HAS REGISTERED WITH THE DIVISION PURSUANT TO  
16 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION AT LEAST ONE DAY BEFORE THE PLANNED  
17 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE INCREASE IN THE PRICE.

18 (c) THE MANUFACTURER SHALL INCLUDE IN THE NOTICE REQUIRED  
19 BY THIS SUBSECTION (2):

20 (I) THE DATE OF THE INCREASE, THE CURRENT PRICE OF THE  
21 PRESCRIPTION DRUG, AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE FUTURE INCREASE  
22 IN THE PRICE OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG; AND

23 (II) A STATEMENT REGARDING WHETHER A CHANGE OR  
24 IMPROVEMENT IN THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG NECESSITATES THE PRICE  
25 INCREASE AND, IF SO, A DESCRIPTION OF THE CHANGE OR IMPROVEMENT.

26 (3) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021, A MANUFACTURER THAT  
27 INTRODUCES A NEW SPECIALTY DRUG TO THE COMMERCIAL MARKET SHALL

1 NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER, IN A FORM AND MANNER SPECIFIED BY THE  
2 COMMISSIONER, AND EACH PURCHASER THAT HAS REGISTERED WITH THE  
3 DIVISION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, IN WRITING,  
4 WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE SPECIALTY DRUG IN THE  
5 COMMERCIAL MARKET. A MANUFACTURER MAY MAKE THIS NOTIFICATION  
6 PENDING FDA APPROVAL IF COMMERCIAL AVAILABILITY OF THE  
7 SPECIALTY DRUG IS EXPECTED WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER FDA  
8 APPROVAL.

9 (4) (a) TO RECEIVE THE NOTICES REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, A  
10 PURCHASER MUST REGISTER WITH THE DIVISION IN THE FORM AND MANNER  
11 SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER. BEFORE REGISTERING A PURCHASER,  
12 THE DIVISION MUST VERIFY THAT THE PURCHASER QUALIFIES AS A  
13 PURCHASER PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1203 (13). THE DIVISION SHALL  
14 MAINTAIN A LIST OF REGISTERED PURCHASERS AND MAKE THE LIST  
15 AVAILABLE TO MANUFACTURERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE  
16 NOTICES REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

17 (b) THE DIVISION MAY IMPOSE A FEE AGAINST PURCHASERS  
18 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 10-16-1203 (13)(b) TO (13)(e) FOR REGISTERING  
19 WITH THE DIVISION TO OFFSET THE DIVISION'S COSTS IN REGISTERING AND  
20 MAINTAINING A LIST OF PURCHASERS.

21 **10-16-1206. Drug manufacturer reports to commissioner -**  
22 **drug price increases - new specialty drugs - rules.** (1) (a) WITHIN  
23 FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE END OF EACH CALENDAR QUARTER THAT STARTS  
24 ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021, A MANUFACTURER SHALL REPORT TO THE  
25 COMMISSIONER, IN A FORM AND MANNER AND WITH SPECIFIED DETAILS  
26 PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER BY RULE, THE FOLLOWING  
27 INFORMATION FOR EACH PRESCRIPTION DRUG FOR WHICH THE

1 MANUFACTURER WAS REQUIRED TO NOTIFY PURCHASERS OF AN INCREASE  
2 IN THE PRICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1205 (2) IN THE PRIOR  
3 QUARTER:

4 (I) THE NAME AND PRICE OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND THE  
5 INCREASE, EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE, IN THE PRICE OF THE  
6 PRESCRIPTION DRUG OVER THE COURSE OF THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING  
7 CALENDAR YEAR;

8 (II) THE LENGTH OF TIME THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG HAS BEEN ON  
9 THE MARKET;

10 (III) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIFIC FINANCIAL FACTORS AND  
11 NONFINANCIAL FACTORS, SUCH AS OFF-LABEL USE, CHANGES IN FDA  
12 POLICY THAT AFFECT REQUIREMENTS, THE COST OF CURRENT  
13 TREATMENTS, AND OTHER NONFINANCIAL FACTORS, USED TO MAKE THE  
14 DECISION TO INCREASE THE PRICE OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND THE  
15 AMOUNT OF THE INCREASE, INCLUDING AN EXPLANATION OF HOW THE  
16 FACTORS DRIVE THE INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG;

17 (IV) THE INTRODUCTORY PRICE OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG WHEN  
18 IT WAS APPROVED FOR MARKETING BY THE FDA AND THE NET YEARLY  
19 INCREASE, LISTED BY CALENDAR YEAR, IN THE PRICE OF THE PRESCRIPTION  
20 DRUG DURING THE FIVE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEARS;

21 (V) IF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG WAS ACQUIRED BY THE  
22 MANUFACTURER WITHIN THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS, THE FOLLOWING  
23 INFORMATION:

24 (A) THE PRICE OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AT THE TIME OF  
25 ACQUISITION AND IN THE CALENDAR YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE  
26 ACQUISITION;

27 (B) THE NAME OF THE COMPANY FROM WHOM THE PRESCRIPTION

1 DRUG WAS ACQUIRED, THE DATE ACQUIRED, AND THE PURCHASE PRICE;  
2 AND

3 (C) THE YEAR THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG WAS INTRODUCED TO THE  
4 MARKET AND THE PRICE OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG WHEN IT WAS  
5 INTRODUCED TO THE MARKET;

6 (VI) THE PATENT EXPIRATION DATE OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG,  
7 IF IT IS UNDER PATENT;

8 (VII) WHETHER THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IS AN INNOVATOR  
9 MULTIPLE SOURCE DRUG, A NONINNOVATOR MULTIPLE SOURCE DRUG, OR  
10 A SINGLE SOURCE DRUG, AS DEFINED IN 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1396r-8 (k)(7), OR  
11 HAS A LINE EXTENSION;

12 (VIII) A DESCRIPTION OF THE CHANGE OR IMPROVEMENT IN THE  
13 PRESCRIPTION DRUG, IF ANY, THAT NECESSITATES THE PRICE INCREASE;

14 (IX) THE TOTAL GROSS REVENUES FROM SALES OF THE  
15 PRESCRIPTION DRUG IN COLORADO FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING  
16 CALENDAR YEAR;

17 (X) THE NAME OF ANY GENERIC VERSION OF THE PRESCRIPTION  
18 DRUG THAT IS AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET;

19 (XI) THE TEN HIGHEST PRICES AND THE TEN LOWEST PRICES PAID  
20 FOR THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING  
21 CALENDAR YEAR IN ANY COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES;

22 (XII) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE MANUFACTURER DEEMS  
23 RELEVANT TO THE PRICE INCREASE; AND

24 (XIII) THE DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE  
25 INFORMATION REPORTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a).

26 (b) THE COMMISSIONER MAY REQUEST AND USE ANY PRESCRIPTION  
27 DRUG PRICE INFORMATION THE COMMISSIONER DEEMS APPROPRIATE TO

1     VERIFY THAT MANUFACTURERS HAVE PROPERLY REPORTED PRICE  
2     INCREASES AS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (1).

3             (2) WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE END OF EACH CALENDAR  
4     QUARTER THAT STARTS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021, A MANUFACTURER  
5     SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONER, IN A FORM AND MANNER AND WITH  
6     SPECIFIED DETAILS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER BY RULE, THE  
7     FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH NEW SPECIALTY DRUG INTRODUCED  
8     TO THE MARKET IN THE PRIOR QUARTER:

9             (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE MARKETING AND PRICING PLANS USED  
10     IN THE LAUNCH OF THE SPECIALTY DRUG IN COLORADO AND ALL COSTS  
11     ASSOCIATED WITH THE MARKETING AND PRICING PLANS;

12            (b) THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN COLORADO THAT  
13     MIGHT BE PRESCRIBED THE SPECIALTY DRUG FOR THE USE APPROVED BY  
14     THE FDA;

15            (c) WHETHER THE SPECIALTY DRUG WAS GRANTED  
16     BREAKTHROUGH THERAPY DESIGNATION OR PRIORITY REVIEW BY THE  
17     FDA PRIOR TO FINAL APPROVAL; AND

18            (d) THE DATE AND PRICE OF ACQUISITION IF THE SPECIALTY DRUG  
19     WAS NOT DEVELOPED BY THE MANUFACTURER.

20            (3) AFTER RECEIVING A REPORT OF INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN  
21     SUBSECTION (1) OR (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY  
22     REQUEST, IN WRITING, THAT A MANUFACTURER PROVIDE SUPPORTING  
23     DOCUMENTATION OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE  
24     REPORTED INFORMATION. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESCRIBE BY RULE  
25     THE TIME PERIODS FOR REQUESTING ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION OR  
26     INFORMATION AND FOR MANUFACTURERS TO RESPOND TO THE REQUEST,  
27     INCLUDING EXTENSIONS FOR MANUFACTURERS TO RESPOND.

1           **10-16-1207. Health insurer and pharmacy benefit**

2           **management firms - required reports - rules.** (1) (a) STARTING IN  
3           2021, EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, A  
4           HEALTH INSURER SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONER,  
5           CONTEMPORANEOUS WITH ITS RATE FILING PURSUANT TO SECTION  
6           10-16-107 AND IN THE FORM AND MANNER SPECIFIED BY THE  
7           COMMISSIONER THAT ENSURES THE INFORMATION IS SEPARATED FROM THE  
8           RATE FILING INFORMATION, THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTIONS  
9           (2) AND (3) OF THIS SECTION. IF A HEALTH INSURER USES A PHARMACY  
10          BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM, THE PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM  
11          SHALL REPORT THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (3)  
12          OF THIS SECTION BY A DATE SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER THAT  
13          COINCIDES WITH HEALTH INSURER RATE FILINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION  
14          10-16-107.

15           (b) FOR PURPOSES OF THE REPORT OF INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN  
16          SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED IN  
17          THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR, THE HEALTH INSURER OR PHARMACY BENEFIT  
18          MANAGEMENT FIRM SHALL REPORT INFORMATION ON ANY PRESCRIPTION  
19          DRUG FOR WHICH THE HEALTH INSURER OR PHARMACY BENEFIT  
20          MANAGEMENT FIRM RECEIVED A NOTICE FROM A MANUFACTURER  
21          PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1205 DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE  
22          CALENDAR YEAR. FOR THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR AND EACH CALENDAR  
23          YEAR THEREAFTER, THE REPORT OF INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN  
24          SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION MUST CONTAIN INFORMATION ON ALL  
25          PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR WHICH A NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM A  
26          MANUFACTURER DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

27           (2) FOR EACH PRESCRIPTION DRUG INCLUDED IN A



1 MANUFACTURER'S NOTICE TO A HEALTH INSURER OR PHARMACY BENEFIT  
2 MANAGEMENT FIRM PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1205 IN THE PRIOR  
3 CALENDAR YEAR, THE HEALTH INSURER OR PHARMACY BENEFIT  
4 MANAGEMENT FIRM SHALL REPORT:

5 (a) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL REBATES THAT THE HEALTH  
6 INSURER OR PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM RECEIVED FROM THE  
7 MANUFACTURERS OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DURING THE IMMEDIATELY  
8 PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR;

9 (b) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL REBATES DESCRIBED IN  
10 SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION RETAINED BY THE HEALTH INSURER  
11 OR PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM;

12 (c) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ADMINISTRATIVE FEES THE PHARMACY  
13 BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM RECEIVED FROM MANUFACTURERS AND  
14 HEALTH INSURERS FOR THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG;

15 (d) THE TOTAL ANNUAL PAYMENTS, INCLUDING REIMBURSEMENTS  
16 AND FEES, PAID TO COLORADO PHARMACIES FOR DISPENSING THE  
17 PRESCRIPTION DRUG, SEPARATELY IDENTIFYING:

18 (I) THE AMOUNT ATTRIBUTABLE TO DISPENSING FEES; AND

19 (II) THE AMOUNT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SERVICE OR ADMINISTRATIVE  
20 FEES, INCLUDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES ATTRIBUTABLE TO  
21 COST-MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION AS DEFINED  
22 BY RULE OF THE COMMISSIONER; AND

23 (e) AN EXPLANATION OF ALL OTHER SERVICES OFFERED BY THE  
24 HEALTH INSURER OR PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM, EXCLUDING  
25 PROPRIETARY AND CLIENT-SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

26 (3) (a) A HEALTH INSURER OR PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT  
27 FIRM SHALL REPORT THE AVERAGE WHOLESAL PRICE PAID FOR THE

1 FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:

2 (I) BRAND NAME PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PURCHASED AT A RETAIL  
3 PHARMACY;

4 (II) GENERIC PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PURCHASED AT A RETAIL  
5 PHARMACY;

6 (III) BRAND NAME PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PURCHASED FROM A  
7 MAIL-ORDER PHARMACY;

8 (IV) GENERIC PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PURCHASED FROM A  
9 MAIL-ORDER PHARMACY;

10 (V) PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DISPENSED BY A PRACTITIONER IN  
11 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-280-120 (6);

12 (VI) SPECIALTY DRUGS ADMINISTERED IN AN INPATIENT HOSPITAL  
13 SETTING; AND

14 (VII) SPECIALTY DRUGS ADMINISTERED IN AN OUTPATIENT  
15 HOSPITAL SETTING.

16 (b) THE HEALTH INSURER OR PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT  
17 FIRM SHALL REPORT THE AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE FOR THE  
18 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION  
19 PAID BY EACH OF THE FOLLOWING MARKET SECTORS ENROLLED IN A  
20 HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN THAT THE HEALTH INSURER ISSUED OR THAT  
21 INCLUDES PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS MANAGED OR ADMINISTERED BY  
22 THE PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM:

23 (I) INDIVIDUALS;

24 (II) SMALL EMPLOYERS;

25 (III) LARGE EMPLOYERS WITH AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED ONE BUT  
26 NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES ON BUSINESS DAYS  
27 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR;

1 (IV) LARGE EMPLOYERS WITH AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED ONE BUT  
2 NOT MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES ON BUSINESS DAYS  
3 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR; AND

4 (V) LARGE EMPLOYERS WITH MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND  
5 ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES ON BUSINESS DAYS DURING THE IMMEDIATELY  
6 PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

7 (4) (a) EACH HEALTH INSURER THAT USES A PHARMACY BENEFIT  
8 MANAGEMENT FIRM SHALL REQUIRE THAT THE PHARMACY BENEFIT  
9 MANAGEMENT FIRM COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION. THE HEALTH INSURER  
10 SHALL PERIODICALLY AUDIT THE PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM  
11 TO MONITOR AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

12 (b) FAILURE OF A HEALTH INSURER TO COMPLY WITH THIS  
13 SUBSECTION (4) OR TO ENSURE THAT A PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT  
14 FIRM THAT THE HEALTH INSURER USES IS COMPLYING WITH THIS SECTION  
15 IS AN UNFAIR METHOD OF COMPETITION AND AN UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACT  
16 OR PRACTICE IN THE BUSINESS OF INSURANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
17 10-3-1104 (1)(tt).

18 **10-16-1208. Nonprofit organizations - required reports - rules.**

19 (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION:

20 (a) WHOSE MISSION FOCUSES ON ISSUES REGARDING  
21 PHARMACEUTICAL TREATMENT FOR COLORADANS; AND

22 (b) THAT HAS RECEIVED A PAYMENT, DONATION, SUBSIDY, OR  
23 THING OF VALUE THAT EXCEEDS, IN THE AGGREGATE, ONE THOUSAND  
24 DOLLARS IN VALUE DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR  
25 YEAR FROM A SINGLE MANUFACTURER, PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT  
26 FIRM, HEALTH INSURER THAT IS SUBJECT TO THE REPORTING  
27 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART 12, OR A TRADE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING

1 ANY OF THOSE INDUSTRIES.

2 (2) STARTING IN 2021, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN  
3 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL COMPILE AND SUBMIT TO THE  
4 COMMISSIONER, IN A FORM AND MANNER AND BY A DATE DETERMINED BY  
5 THE COMMISSIONER BY RULE, A REPORT THAT INCLUDES:

6 (a) THE AMOUNT OF EACH PAYMENT, DONATION, SUBSIDY, OR  
7 THING OF VALUE RECEIVED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM EACH  
8 MANUFACTURER, PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM, HEALTH  
9 INSURER, AND TRADE ASSOCIATION; AND

10 (b) THE PERCENTAGE OF THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION'S TOTAL  
11 GROSS INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO PAYMENTS, DONATIONS, SUBSIDIES, OR  
12 OTHER THINGS OF VALUE RECEIVED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM EACH  
13 MANUFACTURER, PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM, HEALTH  
14 INSURER, AND TRADE ASSOCIATION IN THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR.

15 (3) THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT  
16 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION THE INFORMATION  
17 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTIONS (2)(a) AND (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION FOR ANY  
18 PAYMENT, DONATION, SUBSIDY, OR THING OF VALUE THAT EXCEEDS, IN  
19 THE AGGREGATE, ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN VALUE RECEIVED DIRECTLY  
20 OR INDIRECTLY BY AN OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF  
21 DIRECTORS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

22 (4) A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SUBJECT TO THE REPORTING  
23 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION THAT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE  
24 REQUIREMENTS IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

25 **10-16-1209. Commissioner to publish information - reporting**  
26 **requirements.** (1) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF  
27 THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL POST ON THE DIVISION'S

1 WEBSITE:

2 (I) THE INFORMATION REPORTED BY HEALTH INSURERS PURSUANT  
3 TO SECTION 10-16-1204;

4 (II) THE INFORMATION IN THE NOTICES PROVIDED BY  
5 MANUFACTURERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1205;

6 (III) THE INFORMATION REPORTED BY MANUFACTURERS PURSUANT  
7 TO SECTION 10-16-1206, LISTING THE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ABOUT WHICH  
8 MANUFACTURERS REPORTED AND THE NAMES OF THE MANUFACTURERS OF  
9 THOSE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS;

10 (IV) THE INFORMATION REPORTED BY ALL HEALTH INSURERS AND  
11 PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRMS PURSUANT TO SECTION  
12 10-16-1207; AND

13 (V) THE INFORMATION REPORTED BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS  
14 PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1208.

15 (b) (I) IF A HEALTH INSURER, MANUFACTURER, PHARMACY BENEFIT  
16 MANAGEMENT FIRM, OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CLAIMS THAT  
17 INFORMATION CONTAINED IN A REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER  
18 IS PROPRIETARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-72-204 (3)(a)(IV), THE  
19 COMMISSIONER SHALL REVIEW THE INFORMATION AND REDACT SPECIFIC  
20 ITEMS THAT THE HEALTH INSURER, MANUFACTURER, PHARMACY BENEFIT  
21 MANAGEMENT FIRM, OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEMONSTRATES TO BE  
22 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION FROM THE INFORMATION POSTED ON THE  
23 DIVISION'S WEBSITE. A HEALTH INSURER, MANUFACTURER, PHARMACY  
24 BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM, OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION ASSERTING  
25 THAT INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER IS PROPRIETARY  
26 BEARS THE BURDEN OF PROOF ON THAT ISSUE.

27 (II) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOT DISCLOSE THE REDACTED

1 ITEMS TO THE PUBLIC OR ANY PERSON OUTSIDE THE DIVISION, OTHER THAN  
2 A DISINTERESTED THIRD PARTY WITH WHOM THE COMMISSIONER  
3 CONTRACTS TO PERFORM THE ANALYSIS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
4 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION OR OTHER STATE AGENCIES THAT ARE  
5 PURCHASERS, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF  
6 ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24.

7 (2) (a) (I) THE COMMISSIONER, OR A DISINTERESTED THIRD PARTY  
8 WITH WHOM THE COMMISSIONER CONTRACTS, SHALL ANALYZE THE DATA  
9 REPORTED BY HEALTH INSURERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1204, THE  
10 DATA REPORTED BY MANUFACTURERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1206,  
11 THE DATA REPORTED BY PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRMS  
12 PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1207, THE DATA REPORTED BY NONPROFIT  
13 ORGANIZATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1208, THE HEALTH INSURER  
14 RATE INFORMATION FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-107, AND ANY  
15 OTHER RELEVANT DATA THE COMMISSIONER POSSESSES IN ORDER TO  
16 DETERMINE THE OVERALL EFFECT OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ON  
17 PREMIUMS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE A REPORT, AS PART OF THE  
18 REPORT PREPARED PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-111 (4)(c), ANALYZING  
19 THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST DATA AND THE EFFECT OF PRESCRIPTION  
20 DRUG COSTS ON PREMIUMS.

21 (II) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT REQUIRED  
22 BY THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a), BASED ON INFORMATION REPORTED BY  
23 HEALTH INSURERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1204 (2) AND THE  
24 HEALTH INSURERS' CERTIFICATIONS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
25 10-16-1204 (3), A DESCRIPTION OF THE REBATE PRACTICES OF HEALTH  
26 INSURERS, INCLUDING:

27 (A) AN EXPLANATION OF THE MANNER IN WHICH HEALTH

1 INSURERS ACCOUNTED FOR REBATES IN CALCULATING PREMIUMS FOR  
2 HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS ISSUED OR RENEWED DURING THE YEAR;

3 (B) ANY OTHER MANNER IN WHICH HEALTH INSURERS APPLIED  
4 REBATES DURING THE YEAR; AND

5 (C) OTHER INFORMATION THE COMMISSIONER DEEMS RELEVANT  
6 FOR PURPOSES OF THE REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (2).

7 (III) IF A HEALTH INSURER, MANUFACTURER, PHARMACY BENEFIT  
8 MANAGEMENT FIRM, OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CLAIMS, PURSUANT TO  
9 SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THAT INFORMATION CONTAINED IN  
10 A REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER IS PROPRIETARY IN  
11 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-72-204 (3)(a)(IV), THE COMMISSIONER  
12 SHALL REVIEW THE INFORMATION AND EXCLUDE FROM THE REPORT  
13 PREPARED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) ANY INFORMATION THAT  
14 THE HEALTH INSURER, MANUFACTURER, PHARMACY BENEFIT  
15 MANAGEMENT FIRM, OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEMONSTRATES IS  
16 PROPRIETARY. IF THE COMMISSIONER CONTRACTS WITH A DISINTERESTED  
17 THIRD PARTY TO CONDUCT THE ANALYSIS, THE DISINTERESTED THIRD  
18 PARTY SHALL NOT DISCLOSE TO THE PUBLIC OR ANY PERSON OUTSIDE THE  
19 DIVISION ANY INFORMATION THAT THE HEALTH INSURER, MANUFACTURER,  
20 PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM, OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION  
21 DEMONSTRATES TO BE PROPRIETARY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF  
22 THIS SECTION. A HEALTH INSURER, MANUFACTURER, PHARMACY BENEFIT  
23 MANAGEMENT FIRM, OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION ASSERTING THAT  
24 INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER IS PROPRIETARY BEARS  
25 THE BURDEN OF PROOF ON THAT ISSUE.

26 (b) BY DECEMBER 1, 2021, AND BY EACH DECEMBER 1  
27 THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PUBLISH THE REPORT REQUIRED

1 BY THIS SUBSECTION (2) ON THE DIVISION'S WEBSITE, WHICH REPORT MUST  
2 ANALYZE THE DATA SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION  
3 THAT THE COMMISSIONER RECEIVED THROUGH JULY OF THE CALENDAR  
4 YEAR IN WHICH THE REPORT IS PUBLISHED.

5 (c) BY DECEMBER 1, 2021, AND BY EACH DECEMBER 1  
6 THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE  
7 GOVERNOR, THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
8 AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND  
9 INSURANCE AND PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES, OR THEIR  
10 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. ADDITIONALLY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL  
11 PRESENT THE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES DURING THE  
12 COMMITTEES' HEARINGS HELD PRIOR TO THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
13 AND PRIOR TO EACH LEGISLATIVE SESSION THEREAFTER UNDER THE  
14 "STATE MEASUREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, AND  
15 TRANSPARENT (SMART) GOVERNMENT ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 7 OF  
16 TITLE 2.

17 (d) THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
18 OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 CORRECTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND ANY OTHER  
20 STATE DEPARTMENT THAT PURCHASES OR REIMBURSES THE COST OF  
21 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OR AN ENTITY ACTING ON  
22 BEHALF OF A STATE DEPARTMENT, SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT  
23 REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (2) ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
24 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO CONTAIN THE COSTS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS  
25 AND REDUCE THE EFFECTS OF PRICE INCREASES ON:

26 (I) CONSUMERS;

27 (II) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING,



1 THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
2 SERVICES, AND ANY OTHER STATE DEPARTMENT THAT PURCHASES OR  
3 REIMBURSES THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ON BEHALF OF THE STATE  
4 OR AN ENTITY ACTING ON BEHALF OF A STATE DEPARTMENT;

5 (III) HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS IN THE COMMERCIAL MARKET;  
6 AND

7 (IV) HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR STATE GROUP BENEFIT  
8 PLANS.

9 (e) THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) IS NOT  
10 SUBJECT TO EXPIRATION UNDER SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I).

11 **10-16-1210. Rules - coordination with other state entities.**

12 (1) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT  
13 THIS PART 12, INCLUDING RULES:

14 (a) SPECIFYING THE FORM AND MANNER IN WHICH HEALTH  
15 INSURERS, MANUFACTURERS, PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRMS,  
16 AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ARE TO REPORT INFORMATION REQUIRED  
17 BY SECTIONS 10-16-1204, 10-16-1206, 10-16-1207, AND 10-16-1208; AND

18 (b) ESTABLISHING FILING FEES TO BE PAID BY HEALTH INSURERS,  
19 MANUFACTURERS, AND PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRMS, WHICH  
20 FEES MUST BE USED SOLELY TO PAY THE OPERATIONAL COSTS OF THE  
21 DIVISION IN IMPLEMENTING AND ADMINISTERING THIS PART 12.

22 (2) THE COMMISSIONER MAY CONSULT WITH THE STATE BOARD OF  
23 PHARMACY, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND THE  
24 STATE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE PURCHASERS, AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION  
25 10-16-1203 (13), IN ADOPTING NECESSARY RULES PURSUANT TO  
26 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, IN POSTING INFORMATION ON THE  
27 DIVISION'S WEBSITE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-1209 (1), AND IN

1 TAKING ANY OTHER ACTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THIS  
2 PART 12.

3 **10-16-1211. Violations - enforcement.** (1) A MANUFACTURER  
4 ENGAGES IN UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT UNDER SECTION 12-280-126 (1)(t)  
5 AND IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE UNDER SECTION 12-280-127, INCLUDING  
6 PENALTIES UNDER SECTION 12-280-127 (5)(d), IF THE MANUFACTURER:

7 (a) FAILS TO NOTIFY PURCHASERS OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE  
8 INCREASE OR A NEW SPECIALTY DRUG INTRODUCED TO THE MARKET AS  
9 REQUIRED BY SECTION 10-16-1205;

10 (b) FAILS TO REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONER THE INFORMATION  
11 REQUIRED BY SECTION 10-16-1206; OR

12 (c) FAILS TO PAY FILING FEES AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
13 10-16-1210 (1)(b).

14 (2) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REPORT MANUFACTURER  
15 VIOLATIONS OF THIS PART 12 TO THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-3-1104, **add**  
17 (1)(tt) as follows:

18 **10-3-1104. Unfair methods of competition - unfair or deceptive**  
19 **acts or practices.** (1) The following are defined as unfair methods of  
20 competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the business of  
21 insurance:

22 (tt) FAILING TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 10-16-1207 (4) AND TO  
23 ENSURE THAT A PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM THAT A HEALTH  
24 INSURER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 10-16-1203 (5), USES TO MANAGE OR  
25 ADMINISTER PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS FOR THE HEALTH INSURER IS  
26 COMPLYING WITH SECTION 10-16-1207.

27 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-102, **amend**

1 (49) as follows:

2 **10-16-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 16, unless the  
3 context otherwise requires:

4 (49) "Pharmacy benefit management firm" means any entity doing  
5 business in this state that ~~contracts to administer or manage~~ ADMINISTERS  
6 OR MANAGES prescription drug benefits on behalf of any carrier that  
7 provides prescription drug benefits to residents of this state, EITHER  
8 PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT WITH THE CARRIER OR AS AN ENTITY THAT IS  
9 RELATED TO, ASSOCIATED BY COMMON OR OTHER OWNERSHIP WITH, OR  
10 OTHERWISE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CARRIER.

11 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-280-126, **add**  
12 (1)(t) as follows:

13 **12-280-126. Unprofessional conduct - grounds for discipline.**

14 (1) The board may take disciplinary or other action as authorized in  
15 section 12-20-404, after a hearing held in accordance with the provisions  
16 of sections 12-20-403 and 12-280-127, upon proof that the licensee,  
17 certificant, or registrant:

18 (t) (I) HAS FAILED TO NOTIFY PURCHASERS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
19 PRICE INCREASES OR OF NEW SPECIALTY DRUGS INTRODUCED TO THE  
20 MARKET AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 10-16-1205;

21 (II) HAS FAILED TO REPORT THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY  
22 SECTION 10-16-1206 TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE; OR

23 (III) HAS FAILED TO PAY FILING FEES AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
24 SECTION 10-16-1210 (1)(b).

25 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-280-127, **amend**  
26 (5)(a); and **add** (5)(d) as follows:

27 **12-280-127. Disciplinary actions.** (5) (a) Except as provided in

1 ~~subsections~~ SUBSECTION (5)(b), ~~and~~ (5)(c), OR (5)(d) of this section, in  
2 addition to any other penalty the board may impose pursuant to this  
3 section, the board may fine any registrant violating this article 280 or any  
4 rules promulgated pursuant to this article 280 not less than five hundred  
5 dollars and not more than five thousand dollars for each violation.

6 (d) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE  
7 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE  
8 FINE ON A REGISTRANT FOR FAILING TO NOTIFY PURCHASERS OR REPORT  
9 INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE AS SPECIFIED IN  
10 SECTION 12-280-126 (1)(t) UP TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS PER DAY FOR  
11 EACH DAY THE REGISTRANT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE NOTICE OR  
12 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

13 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 10-16-152 as  
14 follows:

15 **10-16-152. Cost-sharing for prescription drugs - required**  
16 **rebate reductions - definitions - rules - legislative declaration.**

17 (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

18 (a) WITH APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY BILLION DOLLARS  
19 IN PRESCRIPTION DRUG REBATES IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM EACH YEAR,  
20 IT IS UNCLEAR IF THESE REBATES ARE BEING USED TO BENEFIT CONSUMERS  
21 BY PROVIDING THEM MAXIMIZED COST SAVINGS;

22 (b) MOST COLORADANS EXPERIENCE INCREASES IN PRESCRIPTION  
23 DRUG COSTS AND DO NOT BENEFIT FROM INCREASING REBATES WITH  
24 CORRESPONDING OFFSETS IN THEIR COSTS; AND

25 (c) REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS TO PASS REBATE SAVINGS ON TO  
26 CONSUMERS BY LOWERING PREMIUMS BASED ON THE REBATES THEY  
27 RECEIVED FROM MANUFACTURERS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS COVERED

1 UNDER THEIR HEALTH COVERAGE PLANS WILL PROVIDE IMMEDIATE  
2 FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR COLORADANS AND ENABLE THEM TO OFFSET THEIR  
3 RISING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS.

4 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
5 REQUIRES:

6 (a) "HEALTH INSURER" MEANS:

7 (I) A CARRIER AS DEFINED IN SECTION 10-16-102 (8); AND

8 (II) A CARRIER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-50-603 (2), THAT  
9 PROVIDES OR ADMINISTERS A GROUP BENEFIT PLAN FOR STATE EMPLOYEES  
10 PURSUANT TO PART 6 OF ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 24.

11 (b) "MANUFACTURE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SPECIFIED IN  
12 SECTION 12-280-103 (26).

13 (c) "MANUFACTURER" MEANS:

14 (I) A PERSON THAT MANUFACTURES A PRESCRIPTION DRUG THAT  
15 IS MADE AVAILABLE IN COLORADO; AND

16 (II) A HOLDING COMPANY OR OTHER AFFILIATE OF A PERSON  
17 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(c)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

18 (d) "PRESCRIPTION DRUG" HAS THE MEANING AS SPECIFIED IN  
19 SECTION 12-280-103 (42).

20 (e) "REBATE" MEANS A REBATE, DISCOUNT, MARKET SHARE  
21 ALLOWANCE, REMUNERATION, COMPENSATION, OR OTHER PAYMENT OR  
22 PRICE CONCESSION PROVIDED BY A MANUFACTURER TO A PHARMACY  
23 BENEFIT MANAGEMENT FIRM OR HEALTH INSURER.

24 (3) FOR EACH HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN, INCLUDING A GROUP  
25 BENEFIT PLAN, ISSUED OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022, A  
26 HEALTH INSURER SHALL REDUCE PREMIUMS FOR THE PLAN BY AN AMOUNT  
27 EQUAL TO ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE ESTIMATED REBATES FOR

1       PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT THE HEALTH INSURER RECEIVED FOR THAT  
2       PLAN IN THE PREVIOUS PLAN YEAR.

3               (4) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO  
4       IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION IN A MANNER THAT MAXIMIZES THE REDUCTION  
5       IN PREMIUMS.

6               (5) THE COMMISSIONER MAY USE ANY OF THE COMMISSIONER'S  
7       ENFORCEMENT POWERS UNDER THIS TITLE 10 TO OBTAIN A HEALTH  
8       INSURER'S COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

9               **SECTION 7. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2020.

10              **SECTION 8. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
11       determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
12       preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.