

The House Committee on Public Health offers the following substitute to SB 198:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 33-64-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 reimbursement methodologies utilized by pharmacy benefits managers, so as to provide for
3 reimbursement requirements relating to the state health benefit plan; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 33-64-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 reimbursement methodologies utilized by pharmacy benefits managers, is amended by
9 adding a new subsection to read as follows:

10 "(d) On and after January 1, 2025, a pharmacy benefits manager providing pharmacy
11 benefits management for the state health benefit plan pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 18
12 of Title 45 shall:

13 (1) Reimburse an independent pharmacy for a drug dispensed to an insured for
14 self-administration in an amount not less than the average reimbursement for chain
15 pharmacies reimbursed for the same drug on the same day the drug is dispensed by the
16 independent pharmacy;

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- 17 (2) Provide an annual certification to the Department of Community Health certifying
18 compliance with this subsection; and
19 (3) Make its records available and provide cooperation to the Department of Community
20 Health, upon written demand in connection with financial examinations, audits, and
21 investigations regarding compliance with this subsection."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.