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Fiscal Note**

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Subject: Charitable pharmacy fee exception	

PHARMACIES OR -\$3,754 SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides an exemption to certain outpatient prescription fees for charitable pharmacies

Present law authorizes the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to impose fees for healthcare services provided through the Medicaid program on nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, pharmacies operating in the state and certain out-of-state pharmacies, dispensing physicians, and medical transportation providers.

Proposed law adds an exemption from these fee requirements for charitable pharmacies. It defines a charitable pharmacy as a pharmacy operated by a charitable organization that dispenses prescriptions free of charge to appropriately screened and qualified patients.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	(\$3,754)	(\$3,754)	(\$3,754)	(\$3,754)	(\$3,754)	(\$18,770)
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	(\$3,754)	(\$3,754)	(\$3,754)	(\$3,754)	(\$3,754)	(\$18,770)

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to decrease Statutory Dedications out of the Medical Assistance Trust Fund (MATF) within the LDH by \$3,754 in FY 27 and subsequent fiscal years. Present law authorizes LDH to impose fees on eligible pharmacies, with collections deposited into the Louisiana Medical Assistance Trust Fund. These funds are used to finance the state share of Medicaid expenditures and to draw down federal matching funds. Proposed law exempts charitable pharmacies from these fees, resulting in a reduction in MATF revenues. To the extent that MATF revenue decreases, additional SGF match funds are needed to maintain the required state match for Medicaid services.

The LDH reported that it collected \$3,754 in provider fees in calendar year 2025 from all charitable pharmacies in Louisiana. Assuming these pharmacies process approximately the same number of prescriptions annually, LDH anticipates it would no longer collect \$3,754 annually in provider fee revenue pursuant to the proposed law.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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