

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law provided for licensure of pharmacy benefit managers by the commissioner of insurance. New law prohibits pharmacy benefit managers licensed in Louisiana from imposing "gag orders" by contract on pharmacies or pharmacists which prevent them from informing the patient of cheaper alternatives when filling their prescription drug. New law prohibits these provisions in contracts and retroactively makes void any provisions in place on August 1, 2018.

New law authorizes pharmacists to inform patients that a cheaper alternative may be available, including cash payment if a cash payment is cheaper than the patient's insurance copayment or deductible amount. New law provides immunity for a pharmacist who does not provide the information to a patient.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 22:1657; adds R.S. 37:1219)