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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the use of a uniform prescription drug  
2 information card.

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

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COMMERCE

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514L.1 INTENT OF THE GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY.

3 It is the intent of the general assembly to lessen waiting  
4 times for patients, decrease administrative burdens for  
5 pharmacies, and improve patient care by minimizing confusion,  
6 eliminating unnecessary paperwork, and streamlining dispensing  
7 of prescription products paid for by third-party payors. This  
8 chapter shall be broadly applied and interpreted to effectuate  
9 its purpose.

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 514L.2 DEFINITIONS.

11 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
12 requires:

13 1. "Prescription drug" means prescription drug as defined  
14 in section 155A.3 and includes a device as defined in section  
15 155A.3.

16 2. "Provider of third-party payment or prepayment of  
17 prescription drug expenses" means a provider of an individual  
18 or group policy of accident or health insurance or an  
19 individual or group hospital or health care service contract  
20 issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A, a provider of an  
21 individual or group health maintenance organization contract  
22 issued and regulated under chapter 514B, a provider of an  
23 organized delivery system contract regulated under rules  
24 adopted by the director of public health, a provider of a  
25 preferred provider contract issued pursuant to chapter 514F,  
26 and any other entity providing health insurance or health  
27 benefits which provide for payment or prepayment of  
28 prescription drug expenses coverage subject to state insurance  
29 regulation.

30 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 514L.3 UNIFORM PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
31 INFORMATION CARDS.

32 1. A provider of third-party payment or prepayment of  
33 prescription drug expenses that issues a card or other  
34 technology for claims processing and an administrator of the  
35 payor, including, but not limited to, third-party

1 administrators for self-insured plans and state-administered  
2 plans, shall issue to its insureds a card or other technology  
3 containing uniform prescription drug information. The uniform  
4 prescription drug information card or technology shall be the  
5 format approved by the national council for prescription drug  
6 programs and shall include all of the required fields and  
7 conform to the most recent pharmacy information card or  
8 technology implementation guide produced by the national  
9 council for prescription drug programs or conform to a  
10 national format acceptable to the commissioner of insurance.  
11 If a provider includes a conditional or situational field of  
12 payment or prepayment, the card or other technology shall  
13 conform to the most recent pharmacy information card or  
14 technology implementation guide produced by the national  
15 council for prescription drug programs or shall conform to a  
16 national format acceptable to the commissioner of insurance.  
17 2. A new uniform prescription drug information card or  
18 technology, as required pursuant to subsection 1, shall be  
19 issued by a provider of third-party payment or prepayment upon  
20 enrollment and reissued upon any change in the certificate  
21 holder's coverage that impacts data contained on the card or  
22 technology or upon any change in the national council for  
23 prescription drug program implementation guide or successor  
24 document, provided that the change affects data elements  
25 contained on the card. Newly issued cards or technology shall  
26 be updated with the latest coverage.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill requires the use of a uniform prescription drug  
29 card or technology by providers of third-party payment or  
30 prepayment of prescription drug expenses. The format for the  
31 card or technology is to be the format approved by the  
32 national council for prescription drug programs or a national  
33 format approved by the commissioner of insurance. The uniform  
34 card or technology is to be issued upon enrollment and  
35 reissued at any time that changes in the national format take

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