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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to copayments for prescription drugs under the
2 medical assistance program.

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

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1 Section 1. COPAYMENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS UNDER THE
2 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. The department of human services
3 shall require recipients of medical assistance to pay the
4 following copayments on each prescription filled for a covered
5 prescription drug, including on each refill of such
6 prescription, as follows:

7 1. A copayment of \$1 for each covered nonprescription drug
8 list generic prescription drug.

9 2. A copayment of \$1 for each covered prescription drug
10 list generic or brand-name prescription drug.

11 3. A copayment of \$1 for each covered nonprescription drug
12 list brand-name prescription drug for which the cost to the
13 state is up to and including \$25.

14 4. A copayment of \$2 for each covered nonprescription drug
15 list brand-name prescription drug for which the cost to the
16 state is more than \$25 and up to and including \$50.

17 5. A copayment of \$3 for each covered nonprescription drug
18 list brand-name prescription drug for which the cost to the
19 state is more than \$50.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill directs the department of human services to
22 establish copayments in specified amounts for both generic and
23 brand-name prescription drugs and both prescription drug list
24 (PDL) and nonprescription drug list (non-PDL) prescription
25 drugs under the medical assistance program. The copayments
26 are as follows:

27 1. For non-PDL generic prescription drugs, PDL generic or
28 brand-name prescription drugs, and non-PDL brand-name
29 prescription drugs for which the cost to the state is up to
30 and including \$25, a \$1 copayment.

31 2. For non-PDL brand-name prescription drugs for which the
32 cost to the state is more than \$25 and up to and including
33 \$50, a \$2 copayment.

34 3. For non-PDL brand-name prescription drugs for which the
35 cost to the state is more than \$50, a \$3 copayment.

1 Currently, there is no distinction between the copayment
2 for non-PDL and PDL prescription drugs. The current
3 copayments are as follows:
4 1. For any generic prescription drug, a copayment of \$1.
5 2. For a brand-name drug for which the cost to the state
6 is \$10 or less, a copayment of 50 cents.
7 3. For a brand-name drug for which the cost to the state
8 is more than \$10 and up to and including \$25, a copayment of
9 \$1.
10 4. For a brand-name drug for which the cost to the state
11 is more than \$25 and up to and including \$50, a copayment of
12 \$2.
13 5. For a brand-name drug for which the cost to the state
14 is more than \$50, a copayment of \$3.

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