

HCS HB 442 -- COST-SHARING UNDER HEALTH CARE BENEFITS (Wright)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 442.

This bill provides that when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to an out-of-pocket max or any cost-sharing requirement under a health benefit plan, a health carrier or pharmacy benefits manager must include any amounts paid by the enrollee or paid on behalf of the enrollee only for medication where a generic substitute is not available.

Additionally, this bill also prohibits health carrier or pharmacy benefits managers from discriminating against covered entities or specified pharmacies through a number of actions, which are specified in the bill. Further, the Director of the Department of Commerce and Insurance shall impose a civil penalty on any pharmacy benefits manager that violates these provisions.

This bill is similar to SB 269 (2023).