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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Medicare prescription discount program; amending s. 409.9066, F.S.; modifying the discount amount to be made available by a pharmacy; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 409.9066, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

409.9066 Medicare prescription discount program.--

(1) As a condition of participation in the Florida Medicaid program or the pharmaceutical expense assistance program, a pharmacy must agree to charge any individual who is a Medicare beneficiary, and who is a Florida resident showing a Medicare card when he or she presents a prescription, a price no greater than the cost of ingredients equal to 20 percent below the best price at which the pharmacy, or its parent company, makes the ingredients available under any purchasing arrangement ~~the average wholesale price minus 9 percent~~, and a dispensing fee of \$4.50.

(2) In lieu of the provisions of subsection (1), and as a condition of participation in the Florida Medicaid program or the pharmaceutical expense assistance program, a pharmacy must agree to:

(a) Provide a private voluntary prescription discount program to state residents who are Medicare beneficiaries; or

(b) Accept a private voluntary discount prescription program from state residents who are Medicare beneficiaries.

1 Discounts under this subsection must be at least as great as
2 discounts under subsection (1).

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

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Modifies the discount to be made available by a pharmacy
to a Florida Medicare beneficiary under the Medicare
prescription discount program.

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