

By Representative Slosberg

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Medicare prescription
3 discount program; amending s. 409.9066, F.S.;
4 modifying the discount amount to be made
5 available by a pharmacy; providing an effective
6 date.

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

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

12 409.9066 Medicare prescription discount program.--

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

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

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

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

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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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5 HOUSE SUMMARY

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

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