Florida Senate - 2007

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to prescription drugs;
3	requiring the Agency for Health Care
4	Administration to join a multistate purchasing
5	pool for Medicaid prescription drugs; requiring
6	the agency to conduct a cost-benefit analysis;
7	requiring the agency to enter into negotiations
8	with the most appropriate purchasing pool;
9	requiring the agency to seek federal waivers of
10	Medicaid law or state plan amendments necessary
11	for implementation; authorizing the agency to
12	adopt rules; requiring the agency, in
13	consultation with the Department of Elderly
14	Affairs, to study the effects of the Medicare
15	prescription drug benefit on Medicare
16	enrollees; providing requirements for the
17	study; authorizing the agency and the
18	department to use internal staff, a contracted
19	consultant, or a university to conduct the
20	study; requiring the agency to report its
21	findings of the study to the Governor and the
22	Legislature; providing an appropriation;
23	providing an effective date.
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25	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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27	Section 1. The Agency for Health Care Administration
28	shall join a federally approved, multistate Medicaid
29	<u>supplemental rebate agreement program, also known as a</u>
30	multistate Medicaid prescription drug purchasing pool.
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1	(1) The agency shall conduct a cost-benefit analysis
2	of joining each multistate purchasing pool in existence at the
3	time this act becomes law in order to determine which
4	purchasing pool will provide the state the greatest cost
5	savings while retaining flexibility over the state's current
6	preferred drug list.
7	(2) Based on the cost-benefit analysis, the agency
8	shall enter into negotiations with the most appropriate
9	purchasing pool in order to begin participating in the
10	purchasing pool by January 1, 2008.
11	(3) The agency shall seek any federal waivers of
12	Medicaid law or amendments to the state plan which are
13	necessary to implement this act.
14	(4) The agency shall adopt any rules necessary to
15	administer this act.
16	Section 2. The Agency for Health Care Administration,
17	in coordination with the Department of Elderly Affairs, shall
18	conduct a study of the effects of the implementation of the
19	Medicare prescription drug benefit on Medicare enrollees in
20	this state.
21	(1) The study shall determine:
22	(a) The number of persons in this state who are
23	enrolled in the Medicare prescription drug benefit.
24	(b) The average monthly premium paid by persons in
25	this state who are enrolled in the Medicare prescription drug
26	benefit.
27	<u>(c) The average, annual out-of-pocket expense for</u>
28	Medicare beneficiaries before and after the implementation of
29	the Medicare prescription drug benefit on January 1, 2006.
30	(d) An estimate of the number of persons in this state
31	who exceeded their initial coverage limit and entered the
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1 "donut hole" where they were responsible for the full cost of 2 their formulary drugs. (2) The study shall review all initiatives in other 3 4 states for providing financial assistance to persons who 5 exceed their initial coverage limitation, including the cost 6 to implement a similar assistance program in this state. 7 (3) The study shall provide options and 8 recommendations concerning how Medicare beneficiaries in this 9 state can be provided assistance in obtaining necessary 10 prescriptions if they exceed their initial coverage limit. (4) The agency, in coordination with the Department of 11 12 Elderly Affairs, may conduct the study using internal staff or 13 through a contracted consultant or university. (5) The agency shall report the findings of the study 14 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker 15 16 of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2008. 17 Section 3. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from 18 the General Revenue Fund in nonrecurring funds to the Agency for Health Care Administration for the purpose of implementing 19 this act. 2.0 21 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming 2.2 law. 23 2.4 25 SENATE SUMMARY Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to 2.6 join a multistate purchasing pool for Medicaid prescription drugs. Requires the agency to conduct a 27 study of the effects of the Medicare prescription drug 2.8 benefit on Medicare enrollees. Provides an appropriation. 29 30 31

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