

# HOUSE BILL No. 1116

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 27-1-24.6.

**Synopsis:** Drug information reporting. Requires prescription drug manufacturers, health insurance issuers, pharmacy benefits managers, and wholesale drug distributors (reporting entities) to report certain information to the department of insurance (department), including increases in the wholesale acquisition cost of brand name drugs and generic drugs, the introduction into the United States of a new drug, and spending on prescription drugs before enrollee cost sharing for each of the top 25 prescription drugs and drug groups. Requires reporting entities to pay an annual assessment to support the operational costs incurred by the department in connection with the reporting. Requires a reporting entity to certify under the penalty of perjury that a required report is accurate. Authorizes the insurance commissioner to impose a civil penalty on a reporting entity that fails to comply with a reporting requirement. Requires the department to annually prepare and make available on its web site a report on emerging trends in prescription drug prices. Requires the department to keep confidential and protect from public disclosure all information submitted by reporting entities.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 27-1-24.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2020]:  
4 **Chapter 24.6. Prescription Drug Price Transparency and Cost**  
5 **Control**  
6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "brand name drug" means a**  
7 **prescription drug approved under 21 U.S.C. 355(b) or 42 U.S.C.**  
8 **262.**  
9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the**  
10 **department of insurance.**  
11 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "drug group" means a group of**  
12 **drugs defined by the department for the purposes of this chapter**  
13 **to facilitate revenue and cost reporting by manufacturers under**  
14 **this chapter.**  
15 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "insurance issuer" means a**  
16 **company or organization that is licensed by the department to**  
17 **issue coverage entitling a beneficiary to receive a defined set of**



1 health care benefits in exchange for a defined consideration such  
2 as a premium.

3 Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "manufacturer" means any  
4 entity that:

5 (1) holds the NDC for a prescription drug;

6 (2) is engaged in the:

7 (A) production, preparation, propagation, compounding,  
8 conversion, or processing of drug products; or

9 (B) packaging, repackaging, labeling, relabeling, or  
10 distribution of drug products; and

11 (3) is not a wholesale distributor of drugs or a retail  
12 pharmacy licensed under state law.

13 Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "market introduction" means the  
14 month and year in which the manufacturer acquired or first  
15 marketed the drug for sale in the United States.

16 Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "national drug code" (or  
17 "NDC") means the numerical code maintained by the federal Food  
18 and Drug Administration that includes the labeler code, product  
19 code, and package code.

20 Sec. 8. (a) As used in this chapter, "pharmacy benefits  
21 manager" means any entity that administers the prescription drug,  
22 prescription device, and pharmacist services portion of a health  
23 care plan on behalf of an insurance issuer.

24 (b) The term includes insurance issuers that do not use a  
25 separate pharmacy benefits manager to administer their  
26 prescription drug programs.

27 Sec. 9. As used in this chapter, "reporting entity" means any  
28 manufacturer, insurance issuer, pharmacy benefits manager,  
29 wholesale drug distributor, or other entity required to report to the  
30 department under this chapter.

31 Sec. 10. (a) As used in this chapter, "wholesale acquisition cost"  
32 (or "WAC") means the manufacturer's list price to wholesalers or  
33 direct purchasers in the United States on December 31 of the  
34 reference year, as reported in wholesale price guides or other  
35 publications of drug or biological pricing data.

36 (b) The term does not include prompt pay discounts or other  
37 discounts, rebates, or reductions in price.

38 Sec. 11. As used in this chapter, "wholesale acquisition cost  
39 unit" (or "WAC unit") is the lowest identifiable quantity of the  
40 drug or biological that is dispensed, exclusive of any diluent,  
41 without reference to volume measures pertaining to liquids. If  
42 reporting by drug group as indicated by the department, it is the



1 total number of WAC units in the drug group.

2 Sec. 12. As used in this chapter, "wholesale drug distributor"  
3 means an entity that is:

4 (1) engaged in the sale of prescription drugs to persons other  
5 than a consumer or patient; and

6 (2) licensed by the Indiana board of pharmacy.

7 Sec. 13. (a) A manufacturer shall notify the department if:

8 (1) it is increasing the WAC of a brand name drug by more  
9 than twenty percent (20%) per WAC unit during any twelve

10 (12) month period; or

11 (2) it is increasing the WAC of a generic drug priced at ten  
12 dollars (\$10) or more per WAC unit by more than twenty  
13 percent (20%) during any twelve (12) month period.

14 (b) A notice required by subsection (a) shall be provided in  
15 writing at least sixty (60) days before the planned effective date of  
16 the increase.

17 (c) A manufacturer that is required to notify the department  
18 under subsection (a) shall report to the department all data  
19 elements specified in the National Academy for State Health Policy  
20 Model Act report template at least thirty (30) days before the price  
21 increase.

22 Sec. 14. (a) A manufacturer shall notify the department if it  
23 intends to introduce into the United States a new drug that has a  
24 WAC of at least six hundred seventy dollars (\$670) per WAC unit.

25 (b) The notice required by subsection (a) shall be provided in  
26 writing at least sixty (60) days before the market introduction of  
27 the new drug.

28 (c) A manufacturer that is required to notify the department  
29 under subsection (a) shall report to the department all data  
30 elements specified in the National Academy for State Health Policy  
31 Model Act report template at least sixty (60) days before the date  
32 of market introduction.

33 Sec. 15. For the purposes of sections 13 and 14 of this chapter:

34 (1) the WAC amount that prompts reporting is the current or  
35 proposed WAC; and

36 (2) the current or proposed WAC, if reported by a drug  
37 group, is the average WAC weighted by the relevant number  
38 of WAC units.

39 Sec. 16. All information reported under sections 13 and 14 of  
40 this chapter is subject to the confidentiality and protection from  
41 public disclosure required by section 23 of this chapter.

42 Sec. 17. (a) A pharmacy benefit manager shall, to the extent



1 allowed by law, report annually to the department all data  
 2 elements specified in the National Academy for State Health Policy  
 3 Model Act report template within sixty (60) days after receiving  
 4 notification by the department indicating the specific drugs or drug  
 5 groups for which reporting is required.

6 (b) All information reported under this section is subject to the  
 7 confidentiality and protection from public disclosure required by  
 8 section 23 of this chapter.

9 Sec. 18. (a) A wholesale drug distributor shall report annually  
 10 to the department all data elements specified in the National  
 11 Academy for State Health Policy Model Act report template within  
 12 sixty (60) days after receiving notification by the department  
 13 indicating the specific drugs or drug groups for which reporting is  
 14 required.

15 (b) All information reported under this section is subject to the  
 16 confidentiality and protection from public disclosure required by  
 17 section 23 of this chapter.

18 Sec. 19. (a) An insurance issuer designated by the department  
 19 as a reporting entity shall report annually to the department, to the  
 20 extent allowed by law, spending on prescription drugs before  
 21 enrollee cost sharing, in total and per prescription drug user, for  
 22 each of the top twenty-five (25) prescription drugs and drug groups  
 23 as defined by the department, in the following categories:

24 (1) The greatest total spending before enrollee cost sharing in  
 25 the last calendar year.

26 (2) The greatest total spending per user of any drug in the  
 27 drug group before enrollee cost sharing in the last calendar  
 28 year.

29 (3) The highest year-over-year increase in total spending  
 30 before enrollee cost sharing.

31 (4) The highest year-over-year increase in total spending per  
 32 user of any drug in the drug group before enrollee cost  
 33 sharing.

34 (b) For each drug and drug group as defined by the department,  
 35 the insurance issuer shall report to the department all data  
 36 elements specified in the National Academy for State Health Policy  
 37 Model Act report template within sixty (60) days after the end of  
 38 each calendar year.

39 Sec. 20. A reporting entity shall register with the department:

40 (1) on a form; and

41 (2) in the manner;

42 specified by the department not later than January 31 of each



1       calendar year.

2       **Sec. 21. (a)** A reporting entity shall pay an annual assessment to  
3 support the operational costs of the activities of the department  
4 required by this chapter, including the:

- 5           (1) staff salaries;  
6           (2) administrative expenses;  
7           (3) data system expenses; and  
8           (4) consulting fees;

9 incurred by the department under this chapter.

10       **(b)** The total annual assessments imposed on reporting entities  
11 under this section shall be based on the total annual allocation  
12 authorized by the general assembly for the operational costs of the  
13 activities of the department under this chapter, as indicated in the  
14 state fiscal year budget of the department. The amount to be  
15 assessed shall be reduced by the difference between the total  
16 annual authorized allocation for the next state fiscal year and any  
17 amounts that remain available to the department for purposes of  
18 this chapter from the prior state fiscal year.

19       **(c)** Any assessment reduction under subsection (b) shall be  
20 applied proportionately to the categorical groups assessed. Annual  
21 assessments shall be at least one hundred dollars (\$100) for each  
22 individual reporting entity required to pay an assessment under  
23 this section.

24       **(d)** The department shall send requests for payment of the final  
25 assessments imposed under this section to all reporting entities.

26       **(e)** All assessments shall be due and payable to the department  
27 not more than thirty (30) days after receipt of the request for  
28 payment sent under subsection (d).

29       **Sec. 22. (a)** A reporting entity shall certify under the penalty of  
30 perjury that a report required under this chapter is accurate.

31       **(b)** The insurance commissioner may under IC 4-21.5 impose a  
32 civil penalty on a reporting entity that fails to comply with any  
33 section of this chapter. A civil penalty imposed under this section  
34 may not exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for each day that  
35 the reporting entity is found not to have complied with any section  
36 of this chapter.

37       **(c)** The department may audit the data submitted to the  
38 department by a reporting entity under sections 13 through 19 of  
39 this chapter in a form and manner specified by the department.  
40 The reporting entity shall pay all costs associated with the audit.

41       **(d)** The department may require a reporting entity to submit a  
42 corrective action plan, in a form and manner specified by the



1 department, to correct deficiencies in data reported under sections  
2 13 through 19 of this chapter.

3 (e) The department may:

4 (1) hold one (1) or more public hearings; and

5 (2) subpoena any reporting entity;

6 concerning the reporting of data by a reporting entity under  
7 sections 13 through 19 of this chapter.

8 Sec. 23. (a) The department shall annually:

9 (1) prepare and make available on its Internet web site a  
10 report on emerging trends in prescription drug prices; and

11 (2) conduct a public hearing based on the findings in the  
12 report.

13 (b) The report prepared under subsection (a) must include:

14 (1) an analysis of manufacturer prices and price increases as  
15 reported under this chapter; and

16 (2) an analysis of information as reported by insurance  
17 issuers, pharmacy benefit managers, and wholesale drug  
18 distributors under this chapter;

19 so as to make clear the major components of prescription drug  
20 pricing along the supply chain and the impacts of prescription drug  
21 pricing on insurance premiums and consumer cost sharing.

22 (c) The data in the report prepared under subsection (a) may  
23 not reveal information specific to any individual reporting entity.

24 (d) Except as provided in this section, the department shall:

25 (1) keep confidential; and

26 (2) protect from public disclosure;

27 all information submitted by an individual reporting entity under  
28 this chapter.

29 (e) If the department shares information described in subsection  
30 (d) with any other state agency, the other state agency shall keep  
31 the information confidential and protect it from public disclosure.

32 Sec. 24. The provisions of this chapter are severable in the  
33 manner provided by IC 1-1-8(b).

