
SENATE BILL No. 424

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-8-15.

Synopsis: Prescription drug card program. Requires the secretary of family and social services to establish a prescription drug card program through which negotiated benefits related to the purchase of a prescription drug are available to certain residents.

Effective: July 1, 2004.

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January 12, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-8-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2004]:
4 **Chapter 15. Prescription Drug Card Program**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "cardholder" means an**
6 **individual who is issued a prescription drug card by the secretary**
7 **under section 3 of this chapter.**
8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the**
9 **prescription drug card program established under section 3 of this**
10 **chapter.**
11 **Sec. 3. The secretary shall establish a prescription drug card**
12 **program through which:**
13 **(1) the secretary contracts with a pharmacy benefit manager**
14 **or other person to negotiate benefits related to the purchase**
15 **of prescription drugs, including negotiation of prescription**
16 **drug prices with prescription drug manufacturers,**
17 **wholesalers, and retailers to obtain for cardholders the lowest**



1 **available price for prescription drugs; and**
2 **(2) each resident of Indiana who:**
3 **(A) applies to the secretary for a prescription drug card;**
4 **and**
5 **(B) does not have access to payment for prescription drugs**
6 **through a third party;**
7 **is issued a prescription drug card and is eligible for benefits**
8 **available under the program.**
9 **Sec. 4. Costs related to the program may be paid through**
10 **application of a cardholder surcharge on prescription drug**
11 **purchases.**
12 **Sec. 5. The secretary may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
13 **implement this chapter.**

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