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Overview

This bill regulates contracts between health plan companies and pharmacies, as they relate to payment for MinnesotaCare tax expenses.

Section

1 Wholesale drug distributor tax. Amends § 295.582. Provides that a contract between a health plan company or its contracted pharmacy benefits manager and a resident or nonresident pharmacy may not prohibit:

(1) a pharmacy that has paid an additional expense (as a result of wholesale drug distributors passing through the MinnesotaCare tax to the pharmacy) from transferring these expenses to the health plan company, its contracted pharmacy benefits manager, or a third-party purchaser; or

(2) a pharmacy subject to the MinnesotaCare use tax from recovering all or part of its tax obligations from the health plan company, its contracted pharmacy benefits manager, or a third-party purchaser, by other methods, including increasing fees and charges.