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Overview

Federal law requires drug manufacturers to enter into a rebate agreement with the federal government in order to have their drugs covered by Medicaid. Minnesota's MA program excludes from its formulary drugs from manufacturers that have not signed a rebate agreement with the federal government. This bill requires the commissioner to give prescribers 60 days' notice before removing a drug from the formulary due to failure to sign a rebate agreement.

Section

Drug formulary. Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 13d. Requires the commissioner, before removing a drug from the MA formulary due to failure of a manufacturer to sign a rebate agreement, to give prescribing practitioners 60 days' notice that the drug will be removed. Provides an effective date of the day following final enactment.