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An Act To Prevent Overcharging for Prescription Drug Copayments

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13784, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 375, §1 and affected by RR 2003, c. 2, §120, is amended to read:

3. Retail price. With each prescription dispensed, the pharmacist shall disclose to the patient in writing the usual and customary price of the prescription and the cost of any payment toward the price required of the patient. In cases in which the cost of filling a prescription without charging the patient's insurance company is less than the patient's insurance copayment, the pharmacist shall disclose this information to the patient and charge the patient the lesser amount.

SUMMARY

This bill requires pharmacists to notify patients when the cost of filling a prescription without insurance is less than the patient's insurance copayment and requires the pharmacist to charge the patient the lower amount.