

AMENDMENT

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TO: HB 259

- 1 Page 2, following line 5:
- 2 Insert a new paragraph to read:
 - 3 "(3) an auditor may not audit more than 75 prescriptions during a
 - 4 single audit;"
- 5
- 6 Renumber the following paragraphs accordingly.

Explanation of Amendment I.2

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The number of prescription orders that are audited ranges from 25 to 125 claims, according to the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy in its document, Model Audit Guidelines for Pharmacy Claims, page 7.

Many states that have pharmacy auditing standards limit the number of prescriptions an auditor may cover during a single audit, according to the Alaska Pharmacists Association. That organization says that 75 prescriptions per audit is a fair number – especially when a pharmacist fills, on average, more than 200 prescriptions a day. Filling 200 prescriptions translates into 200 original documents that must be stored, often in boxes, for years – along with invoices from wholesalers that prove when the drugs were ordered, received, and billed.

The number 75 comes from an Oklahoma pharmacy audit law that passed last year.

Pharmacies estimate that a 75-prescription audit would take from 10 to 20 hours of time to complete, depending on how long the audit period would cover. For example, prescriptions from the last two months likely would be more readily available than those from the past two years.