

AMENDMENT

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TO: HB 259

1 Page 2, following line 23:

2 Insert a new paragraph to read:

3 "(11) an auditor may not assess a charge-back, recoupment, or other
4 penalty against a pharmacy based on a prescription that is mailed or delivered by
5 request of a patient as part of a routine business practice;"

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7 Renumber the following paragraphs accordingly.

Explanation of Amendment I.3

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This amendment would prevent penalizing pharmacies that mail or deliver prescription drugs by request of a patient as part of a routine business practice.

Sending prescription drugs by mail is common in a state as large as Alaska where many residents, especially those in remote rural areas, rely on planes or boats to get goods, packages, supplies, and mail.

Alaska pharmacists say they have been penalized by pharmacy-benefits managers who, in one case, said a pharmacist was prohibited from sending prescriptions by mail, and, in another instance, required a pharmacist to produce certain records more than a year after the pharmacist sent a prescription by an air carrier to a patient in a rural town.