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Explanation of Changes (Version U to R)

- Bill title revised to include new items in the legislation pertaining to pharmacies' disclosure of cost information.
- Changes AS 08.80.297, adding that pharmacies must disclose pharmacy retail price and consumer's cost sharing price when filling a prescription.
- Adds a new section to AS 08.80, directing that pharmacists in the State must, unless directed
 otherwise by the consumer, charge the lesser of the two prices between the pharmacy retail
 price and the consumer cost sharing price.
- Stipulates that pharmacies must retain prescription and customer cost information for a period of at least two years.
- A new subsection is added directing the department to inform the public that a provider who
 chose to pay the maximum penalty in lieu of disclosing their prices, was in violation of this
 section.
- Sections 8 and 9 of version U are removed and a new section is added requiring the Department
 of Administration to conduct an analysis of the possible impacts to the state of Alaska and to
 employees under managed plans should the Department adopt the requirements of AS
 18.23.400, AS 18.23.405, and AS 21.96.200-21.96.300.