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SB 38 Pharmacy Benefit Managers Summary of Changes in Committee Substitute (L&C)

Original version A to CS vsn D

Page 6, Line 22:

Changes “shall” to “may”

Why? This change has allowed the Department of Administration to alter its previous fiscal note from 2.8 million to zero. The earlier fiscal note was based on assumption that every underpayment experienced by the pharmacist would be appealed and granted. They feel that the use of “may” would reduce the number of appeals/reimbursements and have a negligible impact on cost increases to the plan

Page 6, lines 24-25:

DELETES “~~from at least one of the network pharmacy’s contracted wholesalers who operate in the state~~” and replaces it with “for purchase from national or regional wholesalers who operate in the state.”

The earlier version was a bit unclear if it referred to just a wholesaler in the state, of which Alaska has only one, McKesson. The new language clarifies that it could be a price found from a wholesaler located somewhere else, but operates in the state.

Page 7 Section 21.27.955 Definitions beginning on line 15:

Line 19 in original version A that defined “board” was deleted in the CS. This was because there was no reference to the board in the bill and was not necessary.

Page 9, line 5:

AS 21.97.900(26) is changed to (27). It was a typo found in original version A. These are revisor-requested changes relating to contractor insurance.

Page 9, line 8:

This updates the effective date from 2018 to 2019.