

Subject Medication repository program

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Overview

The Board of Pharmacy administers a medication repository program, through which donors may donate a drug or medical supply for use by a Minnesota resident who is uninsured, underinsured, or who does not have prescription drug coverage (Minnesota Statutes, § 151.555). The Board contracts with a wholesale drug distributor to act as the central repository for the program. This bill allows the central repository to purchase drugs, in addition to receiving donations, under specified circumstances and appropriates ongoing funding to the Board of Pharmacy for its contract with the central repository.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Standards and procedures for accepting donations of drugs and supplies and purchasing drugs from licensed wholesalers.</p> <p>Amends § 151.555, subd. 6. Allows the central repository to purchase a drug from a wholesaler to fill prescriptions for eligible patients when the repository does not have a sufficient supply of donated drugs to fill the prescriptions. Provides that the central repository must use donated drugs to fill prescriptions whenever possible.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Distribution of donated drugs and supplies.</p> <p>Amends § 151.555, subd. 10. Clarifies when a local repository must transfer donated drugs and supplies to the central repository. Provides that a local repository must dispose of drugs and supplies that do not meet the statutory standards for donating or dispensing.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Appropriation; medication repository program.</p> <p>Beginning in fiscal year 2026, annually appropriates \$900,000 to the Board of Pharmacy for a contract with a central repository.</p> |



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