

Subject Medication repository program

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Overview

This bill modifies the procedures used to operate the medication repository program. This program was authorized by the 2019 Legislature and operates under a wholesale drug distributor license. The program makes donated drugs and medical supplies available to persons who are uninsured, have no drug coverage, or are underinsured, through partnerships with participating pharmacies and health care facilities that operate as local repositories.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Definitions.</p> <p>Amends § 151.555, subd. 1. Restructures the statutory format for the definition of “donor.”</p>
2	<p>Local repository requirements.</p> <p>Amends § 151.555, subd. 4. Removes the requirement that the central repository provide the Board of Pharmacy with a copy of the withdrawal notice of a local repository.</p>
3	<p>Individual eligibility and application requirements.</p> <p>Amends § 151.555, subd. 5. Clarifies eligibility and related requirements for individuals who receive donated drugs or supplies as a new eligible patient, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ providing that the intake application form submitted by an individual to the local repository may be an electronic or physical form;▪ removing a redundant reference to state health care programs; and▪ removing the requirement that the local repository furnish eligible individuals with an identification card.

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4	<p>Standards and procedures for accepting donations of drugs and supplies.</p> <p>Amends § 151.555, subd. 6. Clarifies requirements for the donation of drugs and medical supplies by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ eliminating the requirement that each donation be accompanied by a medication repository donor form;▪ requiring the central or local repository to verify and record specified information on the donor form, prior to the first donation from a new donor;▪ allowing the inventory of donated drugs and supplies to be written or electronic, and allowing the board to waive the inventory requirement if an entity is under common ownership or control, and one of the entities maintains an inventory; and▪ making other related changes.
5	<p>Standards and procedures for inspecting and storing donated drugs and supplies.</p> <p>Amends § 151.555, subd. 7. Removes the requirement that a pharmacist or practitioner who inspects donated drugs or supplies sign an inspection record. Also clarifies that no other record of the destruction of donated drugs and supplies is required, other than that specified in paragraph (f).</p>
6	<p>Dispensing requirements.</p> <p>Amends § 151.555, subd. 8. Clarifies that the drug repository recipient form is signed by the recipient before the first drug or supply is dispensed or administered, and that the form may be electronic or physical. Makes other related changes.</p>
7	<p>Handling fees.</p> <p>Amends § 151.555, subd. 9. Prohibits charging a medical assistance or MinnesotaCare recipient a supply or handling fee.</p>
8	<p>Forms and record-keeping requirements.</p> <p>Amends § 151.555, subd. 11. Allows program participants to use electronic or physical forms that are substantively similar to the forms available on the board's website.</p>
9	<p>Liability.</p> <p>Amends § 151.555, subd. 12. Clarifies that immunity from civil liability related to facilities and persons taking part in various program activities also applies to persons or entities who facilitate these activities.</p>



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