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Section

- 1 No prohibition on disclosure. Amends § 151.214, subd. 2. Provides that a contract between an employer-sponsored health plan or health plan company, or its pharmacy benefit manager, and a licensed pharmacy, may not prohibit a pharmacist from informing a patient when the amount the patient would pay for a particular drug under the patient's health plan is greater than the amount the patient would pay out-of-pocket at the pharmacy's usual and customary price.
- 2 Lowest cost to consumers. Amends § 151.71, by adding subd. 3. (a) Prohibits a health plan company or a pharmacy benefits manager from requiring an individual to pay, for a covered prescription medication at the point of sale, an amount greater than the allowable cost to consumers as defined in paragraph (b).

(b) Defines "allowable cost to consumers" as the lowest of: (1) the applicable copayment; or (2) the cost of the medication if purchased without using a health plan benefit.