

# **Can State Prescription Drug Affordability Boards Address High-Cost Drug Prices?**

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## **West Virginia hospital plans to join Mountain Health Network**

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## **What Ohio's 'Surprise Billing' Ban Means For Providers**

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## **Hospital M&A update: 9 recent deals**

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## **HB 135**

Requires health insuring corporations and sickness and accident insurers to apply amounts paid by or on behalf of covered individuals toward cost-sharing requirements. Exempts situations where a generic version of a brand name drug exists, but the prescribing physician prescribes the brand name drug without it being medically necessary.

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## **SB 150**

Prohibits an employer of physicians from requiring a current or prospective physician employee to enter into a post-employment noncompete agreement as a condition of employment. Allows a current or prospective physician employee to sue an employer that violates the prohibition for damages and attorney's fees and costs.

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## **HB 153**

Prohibits health insurers from taking certain actions with respect to drugs during a health benefit plan year, including increasing cost-sharing, reducing coverage, and removing drugs from plan formularies.

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## **SB 220**

Prohibits a health plan issuer from imposing cost-sharing on a prescription insulin drug in an amount that exceeds \$35 for a 30-day supply.

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## **SB 253**

To establish and operate the Ohio Health Care Plan to provide universal health care coverage to all Ohio residents.

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## **HB 305**

Prohibits a health plan issuer from imposing cost-sharing on a prescription insulin drug in an amount that exceeds \$35 for a 30-day supply.