

R.I. could be the next state to establish a prescription drug affordability board

HB 7140

Directs the state board of pharmacy to annually identify up to fifteen prescription drugs with increased costs and provide the list to the attorney general to obtain reasons for the cost increases.

HB 7160

Makes it a felony to price gouge prescriptions or pharmaceuticals in time of a shortage.

HB 7366

Repeals the certificate of need process statutes which are used by the department of health to determine the need for new health care equipment and new institutional health services.

HB 7042

This act would regulate price increases for prescription drugs. Any unsupported price increase of a prescription drug would be subject to a penalty equal to eight percent (80%) of the difference between the revenue generated by the sales of the prescription drug and the revenue that would have been generated if the manufacturer had maintained the wholesale acquisition cost from the previous calendar year, adjusted appropriately for inflation. Manufacturers would be prohibited from withdrawing a prescription drug from sale or distribution for the sole purpose of avoiding the penalty of a price increase.

HB 7139

Regulates PBMs policies and practices relating to accurate costs and pricing reporting, restricts discriminatory practices and establishes consumer protections and enforcement of penalties for violations by the office of the attorney general

HB 7142

Prohibits the practice of patient brokering and would provide monetary penalties and enforcement by the office of the

SB 2014

Repeals health services council and expands the health services and amends several provisions relative to the review process of the hospital conversion act pertaining to maintenance of services and required disclosures

‘Shell game’: When private equity comes to town, hospitals can see cutbacks, closures

Summary of State Legislative Efforts Aimed at Health Care Transformation Reforms