

Maine Laws and Regulations Related to Cardiovascular Health and Maine Cardiovascular Health Program Priorities

Topic: Prescription Drugs*

Subject	Description	Citation and Internet Access
Elderly low-cost drug program	Program provides low-cost prescription and nonprescription drugs, medications, and medical supplies for illnesses and conditions to elderly, disadvantaged, and disabled individuals	Title 22, section 254-D http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/22/title22sec254-D.html
Maine Rx Plus Program	Establishes the Maine Rx Plus Program to reduce prescription drug prices and to improve the quality of health care. The program must utilize manufacturer rebates and pharmacy discounts to reduce prescription drug prices.	Title 22, sections 2681-82 http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/22/title22sec2681.html http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/22/title22sec2682.html
Disclosure by pharmacist of “current usual and customary price for cash customers”	Requires a pharmacist or person acting at the direction of a pharmacist, who is asked for consumer price information regarding prescription drugs, to provide to the consumer, the “current usual and customary price for cash customers” and, if reasonably obtainable by the pharmacist or person acting at the direction of the pharmacist, the price applicable to the consumer. Pharmacies are required to post a notice to consumers informing them that they may obtain such information from the pharmacist.	Title 32, section 13797 http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/32/title32sec13797.html

* List is not all-inclusive, however, every effort is made to provide information regarding the most substantial policies in the topic area. Please refer to language in actual statute or rule for citation purposes as language here may be altered due to space limitations.

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Generic vs. Brand Name Medications	Section of the Maine Pharmacy Act that allows a self-pay patient to choose either generic or brand-name drugs, excluding drugs listed as Schedule II on the federal drug schedule.	Title 32, section 13781 http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/32/title32sec13781.html
Continuity of Prescription Drugs	Requires health insurance carriers to honor a prior authorization for a prescription drug when a person switches from one health insurance plan to another.	No citation available. Impacts Title 24-A, many sections. Check back here: http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/24-A/title24-Ach0sec0.html

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