

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 368 of 1978

333.17757a Providing selling price of drugs dispensed upon request; notice to consumers about prescription drugs; contents; form; display; copies.

Sec. 17757a. (1) Upon a request made in person or by telephone, a dispensing prescriber engaged in the business of selling prescription drugs shall provide the current selling price of a drug dispensed by that dispensing prescriber or comparative current selling prices of generic and brand name drugs dispensed by that dispensing prescriber. The information shall be provided to the person making the request before a prescription drug is dispensed to the person. A person who makes a request for price information under this subsection is not obligated to purchase the prescription drug for which the price or comparative prices are requested.

(2) A dispensing prescriber engaged in the business of selling prescription drugs shall conspicuously display the notice described in subsection (3) in the location within the dispensing prescriber's practice where the dispensing occurs.

(3) The notice required under subsection (2) shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS ABOUT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Under Michigan law, you have the right to find out the price of a prescription drug before the doctor provides a prescription drug directly to you. You are under no obligation to have the prescription filled here and may use this price information to shop around.

You may choose to have the prescription filled by your doctor or the pharmacy of your choice. Your doctor may not force you to have the prescription filled by the doctor. Your doctor cannot charge you for medications marked "sample." Ask your doctor or pharmacist if a lower-cost generic drug is available to fill your prescription. A generic drug contains the same medicine as a brand name drug and is a suitable substitute in most cases. If you have questions about the drugs which have been prescribed for you, ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information. To avoid dangerous drug interactions, let your doctor and pharmacist know about any other medications you are taking. This is especially important if you have more than 1 doctor or have prescriptions filled at more than 1 location.

(4) The notice required under subsection (2) shall also contain the address and phone number of the board and the department. The text of the notice shall be in at least 32-point bold type and shall be printed on paper at least 11 inches by 17 inches in size. The notice may be printed on multiple pages.

(5) A copy of the notice required under subsection (2) shall be provided to each dispensing prescriber by the department. Additional copies shall be available if needed from the department. A person may duplicate or reproduce the notice if the duplication or reproduction is a true copy of the notice as produced by the department, without any additions or deletions.

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