



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 958

LCO No. 3436



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER PAYMENTS
BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS TO PHARMACIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-479eee of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 [The commissioner may conduct investigations and hold hearings
4 on any matter under the provisions of sections 38a-479aaa to 38a-
5 479hhh, inclusive. The commissioner may issue subpoenas, administer
6 oaths, compel testimony and order the production of books, records
7 and documents. If any person refuses to appear, to testify or to
8 produce any book, record, paper or document when so ordered, upon
9 application of the commissioner, a judge of the Superior Court may
10 make such order as may be appropriate to aid in the enforcement of
11 this section.] Upon written request from a pharmacy, a pharmacy
12 benefits manager shall pay claims to such pharmacy by electronic
13 funds transfer. Any such payments shall be made within the time
14 periods specified under section 38a-816.

15 Sec. 2. Section 38a-479hhh of the general statutes is repealed and the
16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

17 (a) The commissioner may conduct investigations and hold hearings
18 on any matter under the provisions of sections 38a-479aaa to 38a-
19 479hhh, inclusive, as amended by this act. The commissioner may
20 issue subpoenas, administer oaths, compel testimony and order the
21 production of books, records and documents. If any person refuses to
22 appear, to testify or to produce any book, record, paper or document
23 when so ordered, upon application of the commissioner, a judge of the
24 Superior Court may make such order as may be appropriate to aid in
25 the enforcement of this section.

26 (b) Any person aggrieved by an order or decision of the
27 commissioner under sections 38a-479aaa to 38a-479hhh, inclusive, as
28 amended by this act, may appeal therefrom in accordance with the
29 provisions of section 4-183.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	38a-479eee
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	38a-479hhh

Statement of Purpose:

To require pharmacy benefits managers to pay claims, upon written request by a pharmacy, to such pharmacy by electronic funds transfer.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]