



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 445**

January Session, 2017

\* SB00445PH 032917 \*

**AN ACT CONCERNING FAIRNESS IN PHARMACY AND PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER CONTRACTS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) On and after January  
2 1, 2018, no contract entered into in the state between a health carrier, as  
3 defined in section 38a-591a of the general statutes, pharmacy benefits  
4 manager, as defined in section 38a-479aaa of the general statutes, or  
5 any other entity and a pharmacist shall contain a provision prohibiting  
6 the pharmacist from disclosing any relevant information to an  
7 individual purchasing prescription medication, including, but not  
8 limited to, the cost of the prescription medication, actual  
9 reimbursement to the pharmacist for the sale of the prescription  
10 medication, efficacy of the prescription medication and the availability  
11 of any alternative medications that are less expensive than the  
12 prescription medication.

13 (b) On and after January 1, 2018, no individual in the state shall be  
14 required to make a payment for the services of a pharmacist or  
15 pharmacy in an amount greater than the pharmacist or pharmacy may  
16 retain for such services from all payment sources.

17 (c) Any provision of a contract that violates the provisions of this  
18 section shall be unenforceable and constitute an unfair trade practice

19 pursuant to chapter 735a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section

**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*