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**A BILL**

To amend sections 173.12, 341.192, 1739.05, 1751.01, 3702.30, 3712.06, 3712.061, and 3963.01 and to enact sections 1751.91, 3923.89, 5164.14, and 5167.121 of the Revised Code to permit certain health insurers to provide payment or reimbursement for services lawfully provided by a pharmacist and to recognize pharmacist services in certain other laws.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 173.12, 341.192, 1739.05, 1751.01, 3702.30, 3712.06, 3712.061, and 3963.01 be amended and sections 1751.91, 3923.89, 5164.14, and 5167.121 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

**Sec. 173.12.** The services provided by a multipurpose senior center shall be available to all residents of the area served by the center who are sixty years of age or older, except where legal requirements for the use of funds available for a component program specify other age limits. Persons who receive services from the center may be encouraged to make voluntary

contributions to the center, but no otherwise eligible person 19  
shall be refused services because of inability to make a 20  
contribution. 21

Services provided by the center may include, but are not 22  
limited to, the following: 23

(A) Services available within the facility: 24

(1) Preventive medical services, diagnostic and treatment 25  
services, emergency health services, and counseling on health 26  
matters, which are provided on a regular basis by a licensed 27  
physician, pharmacist, or ~~by a~~ registered nurse or other 28  
qualified health professional; 29

(2) A program to locate full- or part-time employment 30  
opportunities; 31

(3) Information and counseling by professional or other 32  
persons specially trained or qualified to enable older adults to 33  
make decisions on personal matters, including income, health, 34  
housing, transportation, and social relationships; 35

(4) A listing of services available in the community for 36  
older adults to assist in identifying the type of assistance 37  
needed, to place them in contact with appropriate services, and 38  
to determine whether services have been received and identified 39  
needs met; 40

(5) Legal advice and assistance by an attorney or a legal 41  
assistant acting under the supervision of an attorney; 42

(6) Recreation, social activities, and educational 43  
activities. 44

(B) Services provided outside the facility: 45

(1) Routine health services necessary to help functionally 46  
impaired older adults to maintain an appropriate standard of 47  
personal health, provided to them in their homes by licensed 48  
physicians, registered nurses, or other qualified health service 49  
personnel; 50

(2) Household services, such as light housekeeping, 51  
laundrying, meal preparation, personal and grocery shopping, 52  
check cashing and bill paying, friendly visiting, minor 53  
household repairs, and yard chores, that are necessary to help 54  
functionally impaired older adults meet the normal demands of 55  
daily living; 56

(3) The delivery, on a regular schedule, of hot or cold 57  
nourishing meals to functionally impaired older adults and the 58  
determination of the nutritional needs of such persons; 59

(4) Door-to-door vehicular transportation for functionally 60  
impaired or other older adults. 61

Other services, including social and recreational 62  
services, adult education courses, reassurance by telephone, 63  
escort services, and housing assistance may be added to the 64  
center's program as appropriate, to the extent that resources 65  
are available. 66

Services may be furnished by public agencies or private 67  
persons or organizations, but all services shall be coordinated 68  
by a single management unit, operating within the center, that 69  
is established, staffed, and equipped for this purpose. 70

The department of aging, or the local entity approved by 71  
the department under section 173.11 of the Revised Code for the 72  
operation of a center, may contract for any or all of the 73  
services provided by the center with any other state agency, 74

county, township, municipal corporation, school district, 75  
community or technical college district, health district, 76  
person, or organization. 77

The department shall provide for the necessary insurance 78  
coverage to protect all volunteers from the normal risks of 79  
personal liability while they are acting within the scope of 80  
their volunteer assignments for the provision of services under 81  
this section. 82

As used in this section, "functionally impaired older 83  
adult" means an individual sixty years of age or older who 84  
requires help from others in order to cope with the normal 85  
demands of daily living. 86

**Sec. 341.192.** (A) As used in this section: 87

(1) "Jail" means a county jail, or a multicounty, 88  
municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal correctional center. 89

(2) "Medical provider" means a physician, hospital, 90  
laboratory, pharmacist, pharmacy, or other health care provider 91  
that is not employed by or under contract to a county, municipal 92  
corporation, township, the department of youth services, or the 93  
department of rehabilitation and correction to provide medical 94  
services to persons confined in a jail or state correctional 95  
institution, or is in the custody of a law enforcement officer. 96

(3) "Necessary care" means medical care of a nonelective 97  
nature that cannot be postponed until after the period of 98  
confinement of a person who is confined in a jail or state 99  
correctional institution, or is in the custody of a law 100  
enforcement officer without endangering the life or health of 101  
the person. 102

(B) If a physician employed by or under contract to a 103

county, municipal corporation, township, the department of youth 104  
services, or the department of rehabilitation and correction to 105  
provide medical services to persons confined in a jail or state 106  
correctional institution determines that a person who is 107  
confined in the jail or state correctional institution or who is 108  
in the custody of a law enforcement officer prior to the 109  
person's confinement in a jail or state correctional institution 110  
requires necessary care that the physician cannot provide, the 111  
necessary care shall be provided by a medical provider. The 112  
county, municipal corporation, township, the department of youth 113  
services, or the department of rehabilitation and correction 114  
shall pay a medical provider for necessary care an amount not 115  
exceeding the authorized reimbursement rate for the same service 116  
established by the department of medicaid under the medicaid 117  
program. 118

**Sec. 1739.05.** (A) A multiple employer welfare arrangement 119  
that is created pursuant to sections 1739.01 to 1739.22 of the 120  
Revised Code and that operates a group self-insurance program 121  
may be established only if any of the following applies: 122

(1) The arrangement has and maintains a minimum enrollment 123  
of three hundred employees of two or more employers. 124

(2) The arrangement has and maintains a minimum enrollment 125  
of three hundred self-employed individuals. 126

(3) The arrangement has and maintains a minimum enrollment 127  
of three hundred employees or self-employed individuals in any 128  
combination of divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this section. 129

(B) A multiple employer welfare arrangement that is 130  
created pursuant to sections 1739.01 to 1739.22 of the Revised 131  
Code and that operates a group self-insurance program shall 132

comply with all laws applicable to self-funded programs in this 133  
state, including sections 3901.04, 3901.041, 3901.19 to 3901.26, 134  
3901.38, 3901.381 to 3901.3814, 3901.40, 3901.45, 3901.46, 135  
3901.491, 3902.01 to 3902.14, 3923.041, 3923.24, 3923.282, 136  
3923.30, 3923.301, 3923.38, 3923.581, 3923.602, 3923.63, 137  
3923.80, 3923.84, 3923.85, 3923.851, 3923.89, 3924.031, 138  
3924.032, and 3924.27 of the Revised Code. 139

(C) A multiple employer welfare arrangement created 140  
pursuant to sections 1739.01 to 1739.22 of the Revised Code 141  
shall solicit enrollments only through agents or solicitors 142  
licensed pursuant to Chapter 3905. of the Revised Code to sell 143  
or solicit sickness and accident insurance. 144

(D) A multiple employer welfare arrangement created 145  
pursuant to sections 1739.01 to 1739.22 of the Revised Code 146  
shall provide benefits only to individuals who are members, 147  
employees of members, or the dependents of members or employees, 148  
or are eligible for continuation of coverage under section 149  
1751.53 or 3923.38 of the Revised Code or under Title X of the 150  
"Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985," 100 151  
Stat. 227, 29 U.S.C.A. 1161, as amended. 152

(E) A multiple employer welfare arrangement created 153  
pursuant to sections 1739.01 to 1739.22 of the Revised Code is 154  
subject to, and shall comply with, sections 3903.81 to 3903.93 155  
of the Revised Code in the same manner as other life or health 156  
insurers, as defined in section 3903.81 of the Revised Code. 157

**Sec. 1751.01.** As used in this chapter: 158

(A) (1) "Basic health care services" means the following 159  
services when medically necessary: 160

(a) Physician's services, except when such services are 161

supplemental under division (B) of this section;	162
(b) Inpatient hospital services;	163
(c) Outpatient medical services;	164
(d) Emergency health services;	165
(e) Urgent care services;	166
(f) Diagnostic laboratory services and diagnostic and therapeutic radiologic services;	167 168
(g) Diagnostic and treatment services, other than prescription drug services, for biologically based mental illnesses;	169 170 171
(h) Preventive health care services, including, but not limited to, voluntary family planning services, infertility services, periodic physical examinations, prenatal obstetrical care, and well-child care;	172 173 174 175
(i) Routine patient care for patients enrolled in an eligible cancer clinical trial pursuant to section 3923.80 of the Revised Code.	176 177 178
"Basic health care services" does not include experimental procedures.	179 180
Except as provided by divisions (A) (2) and (3) of this section in connection with the offering of coverage for diagnostic and treatment services for biologically based mental illnesses, a health insuring corporation shall not offer coverage for a health care service, defined as a basic health care service by this division, unless it offers coverage for all listed basic health care services. However, this requirement does not apply to the coverage of beneficiaries enrolled in	181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188

medicare pursuant to a medicare contract, or to the coverage of 189  
beneficiaries enrolled in the federal employee health benefits 190  
program pursuant to 5 U.S.C.A. 8905, or to the coverage of 191  
medicaid recipients, or to the coverage of beneficiaries under 192  
any federal health care program regulated by a federal 193  
regulatory body, or to the coverage of beneficiaries under any 194  
contract covering officers or employees of the state that has 195  
been entered into by the department of administrative services. 196

(2) A health insuring corporation may offer coverage for 197  
diagnostic and treatment services for biologically based mental 198  
illnesses without offering coverage for all other basic health 199  
care services. A health insuring corporation may offer coverage 200  
for diagnostic and treatment services for biologically based 201  
mental illnesses alone or in combination with one or more 202  
supplemental health care services. However, a health insuring 203  
corporation that offers coverage for any other basic health care 204  
service shall offer coverage for diagnostic and treatment 205  
services for biologically based mental illnesses in combination 206  
with the offer of coverage for all other listed basic health 207  
care services. 208

(3) A health insuring corporation that offers coverage for 209  
basic health care services is not required to offer coverage for 210  
diagnostic and treatment services for biologically based mental 211  
illnesses in combination with the offer of coverage for all 212  
other listed basic health care services if all of the following 213  
apply: 214

(a) The health insuring corporation submits documentation 215  
certified by an independent member of the American academy of 216  
actuaries to the superintendent of insurance showing that 217  
incurred claims for diagnostic and treatment services for 218



biologically based mental illnesses for a period of at least six 219  
months independently caused the health insuring corporation's 220  
costs for claims and administrative expenses for the coverage of 221  
basic health care services to increase by more than one per cent 222  
per year. 223

(b) The health insuring corporation submits a signed 224  
letter from an independent member of the American academy of 225  
actuaries to the superintendent of insurance opining that the 226  
increase in costs described in division (A) (3) (a) of this 227  
section could reasonably justify an increase of more than one 228  
per cent in the annual premiums or rates charged by the health 229  
insuring corporation for the coverage of basic health care 230  
services. 231

(c) The superintendent of insurance makes the following 232  
determinations from the documentation and opinion submitted 233  
pursuant to divisions (A) (3) (a) and (b) of this section: 234

(i) Incurred claims for diagnostic and treatment services 235  
for biologically based mental illnesses for a period of at least 236  
six months independently caused the health insuring 237  
corporation's costs for claims and administrative expenses for 238  
the coverage of basic health care services to increase by more 239  
than one per cent per year. 240

(ii) The increase in costs reasonably justifies an 241  
increase of more than one per cent in the annual premiums or 242  
rates charged by the health insuring corporation for the 243  
coverage of basic health care services. 244

Any determination made by the superintendent under this 245  
division is subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 246

(B) (1) "Supplemental health care services" means any 247

health care services other than basic health care services that	248
a health insuring corporation may offer, alone or in combination	249
with either basic health care services or other supplemental	250
health care services, and includes:	251
(a) Services of facilities for intermediate or long-term	252
care, or both;	253
(b) Dental care services;	254
(c) Vision care and optometric services including lenses	255
and frames;	256
(d) Podiatric care or foot care services;	257
(e) Mental health services, excluding diagnostic and	258
treatment services for biologically based mental illnesses;	259
(f) Short-term outpatient evaluative and crisis-	260
intervention mental health services;	261
(g) Medical or psychological treatment and referral	262
services for alcohol and drug abuse or addiction;	263
(h) Home health services;	264
(i) Prescription drug services;	265
(j) Nursing services;	266
(k) Services of a dietitian licensed under Chapter 4759.	267
of the Revised Code;	268
(l) Physical therapy services;	269
(m) Chiropractic services;	270
(n) Any other category of services approved by the	271
superintendent of insurance.	272

(2) If a health insuring corporation offers prescription 273  
drug services under this division, the coverage shall include 274  
prescription drug services for the treatment of biologically 275  
based mental illnesses on the same terms and conditions as other 276  
physical diseases and disorders. 277

(C) "Specialty health care services" means one of the 278  
supplemental health care services listed in division (B) of this 279  
section, when provided by a health insuring corporation on an 280  
outpatient-only basis and not in combination with other 281  
supplemental health care services. 282

(D) "Biologically based mental illnesses" means 283  
schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, major depressive 284  
disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoia and other psychotic 285  
disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and panic disorder, as 286  
these terms are defined in the most recent edition of the 287  
diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders published 288  
by the American psychiatric association. 289

(E) "Closed panel plan" means a health care plan that 290  
requires enrollees to use participating providers. 291

(F) "Compensation" means remuneration for the provision of 292  
health care services, determined on other than a fee-for-service 293  
or discounted-fee-for-service basis. 294

(G) "Contractual periodic prepayment" means the formula 295  
for determining the premium rate for all subscribers of a health 296  
insuring corporation. 297

(H) "Corporation" means a corporation formed under Chapter 298  
1701. or 1702. of the Revised Code or the similar laws of 299  
another state. 300

(I) "Emergency health services" means those health care 301

services that must be available on a seven-days-per-week, 302  
twenty-four-hours-per-day basis in order to prevent jeopardy to 303  
an enrollee's health status that would occur if such services 304  
were not received as soon as possible, and includes, where 305  
appropriate, provisions for transportation and indemnity 306  
payments or service agreements for out-of-area coverage. 307

(J) "Enrollee" means any natural person who is entitled to 308  
receive health care benefits provided by a health insuring 309  
corporation. 310

(K) "Evidence of coverage" means any certificate, 311  
agreement, policy, or contract issued to a subscriber that sets 312  
out the coverage and other rights to which such person is 313  
entitled under a health care plan. 314

(L) "Health care facility" means any facility, except a 315  
health care practitioner's office, that provides preventive, 316  
diagnostic, therapeutic, acute convalescent, rehabilitation, 317  
mental health, intellectual disability, intermediate care, or 318  
skilled nursing services. 319

(M) "Health care services" means basic, supplemental, and 320  
specialty health care services. 321

(N) "Health delivery network" means any group of providers 322  
or health care facilities, or both, or any representative 323  
thereof, that have entered into an agreement to offer health 324  
care services in a panel rather than on an individual basis. 325

(O) "Health insuring corporation" means a corporation, as 326  
defined in division (H) of this section, that, pursuant to a 327  
policy, contract, certificate, or agreement, pays for, 328  
reimburses, or provides, delivers, arranges for, or otherwise 329  
makes available, basic health care services, supplemental health 330

care services, or specialty health care services, or a 331  
combination of basic health care services and either 332  
supplemental health care services or specialty health care 333  
services, through either an open panel plan or a closed panel 334  
plan. 335

"Health insuring corporation" does not include a limited 336  
liability company formed pursuant to Chapter 1705. of the 337  
Revised Code, an insurer licensed under Title XXXIX of the 338  
Revised Code if that insurer offers only open panel plans under 339  
which all providers and health care facilities participating 340  
receive their compensation directly from the insurer, a 341  
corporation formed by or on behalf of a political subdivision or 342  
a department, office, or institution of the state, or a public 343  
entity formed by or on behalf of a board of county 344  
commissioners, a county board of developmental disabilities, an 345  
alcohol and drug addiction services board, a board of alcohol, 346  
drug addiction, and mental health services, or a community 347  
mental health board, as those terms are used in Chapters 340. 348  
and 5126. of the Revised Code. Except as provided by division 349  
(D) of section 1751.02 of the Revised Code, or as otherwise 350  
provided by law, no board, commission, agency, or other entity 351  
under the control of a political subdivision may accept 352  
insurance risk in providing for health care services. However, 353  
nothing in this division shall be construed as prohibiting such 354  
entities from purchasing the services of a health insuring 355  
corporation or a third-party administrator licensed under 356  
Chapter 3959. of the Revised Code. 357

(P) "Intermediary organization" means a health delivery 358  
network or other entity that contracts with licensed health 359  
insuring corporations or self-insured employers, or both, to 360  
provide health care services, and that enters into contractual 361

arrangements with other entities for the provision of health 362  
care services for the purpose of fulfilling the terms of its 363  
contracts with the health insuring corporations and self-insured 364  
employers. 365

(Q) "Intermediate care" means residential care above the 366  
level of room and board for patients who require personal 367  
assistance and health-related services, but who do not require 368  
skilled nursing care. 369

(R) "Medical record" means the personal information that 370  
relates to an individual's physical or mental condition, medical 371  
history, or medical treatment. 372

(S) (1) "Open panel plan" means a health care plan that 373  
provides incentives for enrollees to use participating providers 374  
and that also allows enrollees to use providers that are not 375  
participating providers. 376

(2) No health insuring corporation may offer an open panel 377  
plan, unless the health insuring corporation is also licensed as 378  
an insurer under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code, the health 379  
insuring corporation, on June 4, 1997, holds a certificate of 380  
authority or license to operate under Chapter 1736. or 1740. of 381  
the Revised Code, or an insurer licensed under Title XXXIX of 382  
the Revised Code is responsible for the out-of-network risk as 383  
evidenced by both an evidence of coverage filing under section 384  
1751.11 of the Revised Code and a policy and certificate filing 385  
under section 3923.02 of the Revised Code. 386

(T) "Osteopathic hospital" means a hospital registered 387  
under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code that advocates 388  
osteopathic principles and the practice and perpetuation of 389  
osteopathic medicine by doing any of the following: 390

(1) Maintaining a department or service of osteopathic medicine or a committee on the utilization of osteopathic principles and methods, under the supervision of an osteopathic physician;	391 392 393 394
(2) Maintaining an active medical staff, the majority of which is comprised of osteopathic physicians;	395 396
(3) Maintaining a medical staff executive committee that has osteopathic physicians as a majority of its members.	397 398
(U) "Panel" means a group of providers or health care facilities that have joined together to deliver health care services through a contractual arrangement with a health insuring corporation, employer group, or other payor.	399 400 401 402
(V) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code, and, unless the context otherwise requires, includes any insurance company holding a certificate of authority under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code, any subsidiary and affiliate of an insurance company, and any government agency.	403 404 405 406 407 408
(W) "Premium rate" means any set fee regularly paid by a subscriber to a health insuring corporation. A "premium rate" does not include a one-time membership fee, an annual administrative fee, or a nominal access fee, paid to a managed health care system under which the recipient of health care services remains solely responsible for any charges accessed for those services by the provider or health care facility.	409 410 411 412 413 414 415
(X) "Primary care provider" means a provider that is designated by a health insuring corporation to supervise, coordinate, or provide initial care or continuing care to an enrollee, and that may be required by the health insuring	416 417 418 419

corporation to initiate a referral for specialty care and to 420  
maintain supervision of the health care services rendered to the 421  
enrollee. 422

(Y) "Provider" means any natural person or partnership of 423  
natural persons who are licensed, certified, accredited, or 424  
otherwise authorized in this state to furnish health care 425  
services, or any professional association organized under 426  
Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, provided that nothing in this 427  
chapter or other provisions of law shall be construed to 428  
preclude a health insuring corporation, health care 429  
practitioner, or organized health care group associated with a 430  
health insuring corporation from employing certified nurse 431  
practitioners, certified nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse 432  
specialists, certified nurse-midwives, pharmacists, dietitians, 433  
physician assistants, dental assistants, dental hygienists, 434  
optometric technicians, or other allied health personnel who are 435  
licensed, certified, accredited, or otherwise authorized in this 436  
state to furnish health care services. 437

(Z) "Provider sponsored organization" means a corporation, 438  
as defined in division (H) of this section, that is at least 439  
eighty per cent owned or controlled by one or more hospitals, as 440  
defined in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code, or one or more 441  
physicians licensed to practice medicine or surgery or 442  
osteopathic medicine and surgery under Chapter 4731. of the 443  
Revised Code, or any combination of such physicians and 444  
hospitals. Such control is presumed to exist if at least eighty 445  
per cent of the voting rights or governance rights of a provider 446  
sponsored organization are directly or indirectly owned, 447  
controlled, or otherwise held by any combination of the 448  
physicians and hospitals described in this division. 449



(AA) "Solicitation document" means the written materials 450  
provided to prospective subscribers or enrollees, or both, and 451  
used for advertising and marketing to induce enrollment in the 452  
health care plans of a health insuring corporation. 453

(BB) "Subscriber" means a person who is responsible for 454  
making payments to a health insuring corporation for 455  
participation in a health care plan, or an enrollee whose 456  
employment or other status is the basis of eligibility for 457  
enrollment in a health insuring corporation. 458

(CC) "Urgent care services" means those health care 459  
services that are appropriately provided for an unforeseen 460  
condition of a kind that usually requires medical attention 461  
without delay but that does not pose a threat to the life, limb, 462  
or permanent health of the injured or ill person, and may 463  
include such health care services provided out of the health 464  
insuring corporation's approved service area pursuant to 465  
indemnity payments or service agreements. 466

Sec. 1751.91. A health insuring corporation may provide 467  
payment or reimbursement to a pharmacist for providing a health 468  
care service to a patient if both of the following are the case: 469

(A) The pharmacist provided the health care service to the 470  
patient in accordance with Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code, 471  
including any of the following services: 472

(1) Managing drug therapy under a consult agreement with a 473  
physician pursuant to section 4729.39 of the Revised Code; 474

(2) Administering immunizations in accordance with section 475  
4729.41 of the Revised Code; 476

(3) Administering drugs in accordance with section 4729.45 477  
of the Revised Code. 478

(B) The patient's individual or group health insuring 479  
corporation policy, contract, or agreement provides for payment 480  
or reimbursement of the service. 481

**Sec. 3702.30.** (A) As used in this section: 482

(1) "Ambulatory surgical facility" means a facility, 483  
whether or not part of the same organization as a hospital, that 484  
is located in a building distinct from another in which 485  
inpatient care is provided, and to which any of the following 486  
apply: 487

(a) Outpatient surgery is routinely performed in the 488  
facility, and the facility functions separately from a 489  
hospital's inpatient surgical service and from the offices of 490  
private physicians, podiatrists, and dentists. 491

(b) Anesthesia is administered in the facility by an 492  
anesthesiologist or certified registered nurse anesthetist, and 493  
the facility functions separately from a hospital's inpatient 494  
surgical service and from the offices of private physicians, 495  
podiatrists, and dentists. 496

(c) The facility applies to be certified by the United 497  
States centers for medicare and medicaid services as an 498  
ambulatory surgical center for purposes of reimbursement under 499  
Part B of the medicare program, Part B of Title XVIII of the 500  
"Social Security Act," 79 Stat. 286 (1965), 42 U.S.C.A. 1395, as 501  
amended. 502

(d) The facility applies to be certified by a national 503  
accrediting body approved by the centers for medicare and 504  
medicaid services for purposes of deemed compliance with the 505  
conditions for participating in the medicare program as an 506  
ambulatory surgical center. 507

(e) The facility bills or receives from any third-party payer, governmental health care program, or other person or government entity any ambulatory surgical facility fee that is billed or paid in addition to any fee for professional services.

(f) The facility is held out to any person or government entity as an ambulatory surgical facility or similar facility by means of signage, advertising, or other promotional efforts.

"Ambulatory surgical facility" does not include a hospital emergency department.

(2) "Ambulatory surgical facility fee" means a fee for certain overhead costs associated with providing surgical services in an outpatient setting. A fee is an ambulatory surgical facility fee only if it directly or indirectly pays for costs associated with any of the following:

(a) Use of operating and recovery rooms, preparation areas, and waiting rooms and lounges for patients and relatives;

(b) Administrative functions, record keeping, housekeeping, utilities, and rent;

(c) Services provided by nurses, pharmacists, orderlies, technical personnel, and others involved in patient care related to providing surgery.

"Ambulatory surgical facility fee" does not include any additional payment in excess of a professional fee that is provided to encourage physicians, podiatrists, and dentists to perform certain surgical procedures in their office or their group practice's office rather than a health care facility, if the purpose of the additional fee is to compensate for additional cost incurred in performing office-based surgery.

(3) "Governmental health care program" has the same	536
meaning as in section 4731.65 of the Revised Code.	537
(4) "Health care facility" means any of the following:	538
(a) An ambulatory surgical facility;	539
(b) A freestanding dialysis center;	540
(c) A freestanding inpatient rehabilitation facility;	541
(d) A freestanding birthing center;	542
(e) A freestanding radiation therapy center;	543
(f) A freestanding or mobile diagnostic imaging center.	544
(5) "Third-party payer" has the same meaning as in section	545
3901.38 of the Revised Code.	546
(B) By rule adopted in accordance with sections 3702.12	547
and 3702.13 of the Revised Code, the director of health shall	548
establish quality standards for health care facilities. The	549
standards may incorporate accreditation standards or other	550
quality standards established by any entity recognized by the	551
director.	552
In the case of an ambulatory surgical facility, the	553
standards shall require the ambulatory surgical facility to	554
maintain an infection control program. The purposes of the	555
program are to minimize infections and communicable diseases and	556
facilitate a functional and sanitary environment consistent with	557
standards of professional practice. To achieve these purposes,	558
ambulatory surgical facility staff managing the program shall	559
create and administer a plan designed to prevent, identify, and	560
manage infections and communicable diseases; ensure that the	561
program is directed by a qualified professional trained in	562

infection control; ensure that the program is an integral part 563  
of the ambulatory surgical facility's quality assessment and 564  
performance improvement program; and implement in an expeditious 565  
manner corrective and preventive measures that result in 566  
improvement. 567

(C) Every ambulatory surgical facility shall require that 568  
each physician who practices at the facility comply with all 569  
relevant provisions in the Revised Code that relate to the 570  
obtaining of informed consent from a patient. 571

(D) The director shall issue a license to each health care 572  
facility that makes application for a license and demonstrates 573  
to the director that it meets the quality standards established 574  
by the rules adopted under division (B) of this section and 575  
satisfies the informed consent compliance requirements specified 576  
in division (C) of this section. 577

(E) (1) Except as provided in division (H) of this section 578  
and in section 3702.301 of the Revised Code, no health care 579  
facility shall operate without a license issued under this 580  
section. 581

(2) If the department of health finds that a physician who 582  
practices at a health care facility is not complying with any 583  
provision of the Revised Code related to the obtaining of 584  
informed consent from a patient, the department shall report its 585  
finding to the state medical board, the physician, and the 586  
health care facility. 587

(3) This division does not create, and shall not be 588  
construed as creating, a new cause of action or substantive 589  
legal right against a health care facility and in favor of a 590  
patient who allegedly sustains harm as a result of the failure 591

of the patient's physician to obtain informed consent from the 592  
patient prior to performing a procedure on or otherwise caring 593  
for the patient in the health care facility. 594

(F) The rules adopted under division (B) of this section 595  
shall include all of the following: 596

(1) Provisions governing application for, renewal, 597  
suspension, and revocation of a license under this section; 598

(2) Provisions governing orders issued pursuant to section 599  
3702.32 of the Revised Code for a health care facility to cease 600  
its operations or to prohibit certain types of services provided 601  
by a health care facility; 602

(3) Provisions governing the imposition under section 603  
3702.32 of the Revised Code of civil penalties for violations of 604  
this section or the rules adopted under this section, including 605  
a scale for determining the amount of the penalties; 606

(4) Provisions specifying the form inspectors must use 607  
when conducting inspections of ambulatory surgical facilities. 608

(G) An ambulatory surgical facility that performs or 609  
induces abortions shall comply with section 3701.791 of the 610  
Revised Code. 611

(H) The following entities are not required to obtain a 612  
license as a freestanding diagnostic imaging center issued under 613  
this section: 614

(1) A hospital registered under section 3701.07 of the 615  
Revised Code that provides diagnostic imaging; 616

(2) An entity that is reviewed as part of a hospital 617  
accreditation or certification program and that provides 618  
diagnostic imaging; 619

(3) An ambulatory surgical facility that provides 620  
diagnostic imaging in conjunction with or during any portion of 621  
a surgical procedure. 622

**Sec. 3712.06.** Any person or public agency licensed under 623  
section 3712.04 of the Revised Code to provide a hospice care 624  
program shall: 625

(A) Provide a planned and continuous hospice care program, 626  
the medical components of which shall be under the direction of 627  
a physician; 628

(B) Ensure that care is available twenty-four hours a day 629  
and seven days a week; 630

(C) Establish an interdisciplinary plan of care for each 631  
hospice patient and ~~his~~ the patient's family that: 632

(1) Is coordinated by one designated individual who shall 633  
ensure that all components of the plan of care are addressed and 634  
implemented; 635

(2) Addresses maintenance of patient-family participation 636  
in decision making; and 637

(3) Is periodically reviewed by the patient's attending 638  
physician and by the patient's interdisciplinary team. 639

(D) Have an interdisciplinary team or teams that provide 640  
or supervise the provision of care and establish the policies 641  
governing the provision of the care; 642

(E) Provide bereavement counseling for hospice patients' 643  
families; 644

(F) Not discontinue care because of a hospice patient's 645  
inability to pay for the care; 646

(G) Maintain central clinical records on all hospice 647  
patients under its care; and 648

(H) Provide care in individuals' homes, on an outpatient 649  
basis, and on a short-term inpatient basis. 650

A provider of a hospice care program may include 651  
pharmacist services among the other services that are made 652  
available to its hospice patients. 653

A provider of a hospice care program may arrange for 654  
another person or public agency to furnish a component or 655  
components of the hospice care program pursuant to a written 656  
contract. When a provider of a hospice care program arranges for 657  
a hospital, a home providing nursing care, or home health agency 658  
to furnish a component or components of the hospice care program 659  
to its patient, the care shall be provided by a licensed, 660  
certified, or accredited hospital, home providing nursing care, 661  
or home health agency pursuant to a written contract under 662  
which: 663

(1) The provider of a hospice care program furnishes to 664  
the contractor a copy of the hospice patient's interdisciplinary 665  
plan of care that is established under division (C) of this 666  
section and specifies the care that is to be furnished by the 667  
contractor; 668

(2) The regimen described in the established plan of care 669  
is continued while the hospice patient receives care from the 670  
contractor, subject to the patient's needs, and with approval of 671  
the coordinator of the interdisciplinary team designated 672  
pursuant to division (C) (1) of this section; 673

(3) All care, treatment, and services furnished by the 674  
contractor are entered into the hospice patient's medical 675



record; 676

(4) The designated coordinator of the interdisciplinary 677  
team ensures conformance with the established plan of care; and 678

(5) A copy of the contractor's medical record and 679  
discharge summary is retained as part of the hospice patient's 680  
medical record. 681

Any hospital contracting for inpatient care shall be 682  
encouraged to offer temporary limited privileges to the hospice 683  
patient's attending physician while the hospice patient is 684  
receiving inpatient care from the hospital. 685

**Sec. 3712.061.** (A) Any person or public agency licensed 686  
under section 3712.041 of the Revised Code to provide a 687  
pediatric respite care program shall do all of the following: 688

(1) Provide a planned and continuous pediatric respite 689  
care program, the medical components of which shall be under the 690  
direction of a physician; 691

(2) Ensure that care is available twenty-four hours a day 692  
and seven days a week; 693

(3) Establish an interdisciplinary plan of care for each 694  
pediatric respite care patient and the patient's family that: 695

(a) Is coordinated by one designated individual who shall 696  
ensure that all components of the plan of care are addressed and 697  
implemented; 698

(b) Addresses maintenance of patient-family participation 699  
in decision making; and 700

(c) Is reviewed by the patient's attending physician and 701  
by the patient's interdisciplinary team immediately prior to or 702

on admission to each session of respite care. 703

(4) Have an interdisciplinary team or teams that provide 704  
or supervise the provision of pediatric respite care program 705  
services and establish the policies governing the provision of 706  
the services; 707

(5) Maintain central clinical records on all pediatric 708  
respite care patients under its care. 709

(B) A provider of a pediatric respite care program may 710  
include pharmacist services among the other services that are 711  
made available to its pediatric respite care patients. 712

(C) A provider of a pediatric respite care program may 713  
arrange for another person or public agency to furnish a 714  
component or components of the pediatric respite care program 715  
pursuant to a written contract. When a provider of a pediatric 716  
respite care program arranges for a home health agency to 717  
furnish a component or components of the pediatric respite care 718  
program to its patient, the care shall be provided by a home 719  
health agency pursuant to a written contract under which: 720

(1) The provider of a pediatric respite care program 721  
furnishes to the contractor a copy of the pediatric respite care 722  
patient's interdisciplinary plan of care that is established 723  
under division (A) (3) of this section and specifies the care 724  
that is to be furnished by the contractor; 725

(2) The regimen described in the established plan of care 726  
is continued while the pediatric respite care patient receives 727  
care from the contractor, subject to the patient's needs, and 728  
with approval of the coordinator of the interdisciplinary team 729  
designated pursuant to division (A) (3) (a) of this section; 730

(3) All care, treatment, and services furnished by the 731

contractor are entered into the pediatric respite care patient's 732  
medical record; 733

(4) The designated coordinator of the interdisciplinary 734  
team ensures conformance with the established plan of care; and 735

(5) A copy of the contractor's medical record and 736  
discharge summary is retained as part of the pediatric respite 737  
care patient's medical record. 738

Sec. 3923.89. A sickness and accident insurer or public 739  
employee benefit plan may provide payment or reimbursement to a 740  
pharmacist for providing a health care service to a patient if 741  
both of the following are the case: 742

(A) The pharmacist provided the health care service to the 743  
patient in accordance with Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code, 744  
including any of the following services: 745

(1) Managing drug therapy under a consult agreement with a 746  
physician pursuant to section 4729.39 of the Revised Code; 747

(2) Administering immunizations in accordance with section 748  
4729.41 of the Revised Code; 749

(3) Administering drugs in accordance with section 4729.45 750  
of the Revised Code. 751

(B) The patient's individual or group policy of sickness 752  
and accident insurance or public employee benefit plan provides 753  
for payment or reimbursement of the service. 754

**Sec. 3963.01.** As used in this chapter: 755

(A) "Affiliate" means any person or entity that has 756  
ownership or control of a contracting entity, is owned or 757  
controlled by a contracting entity, or is under common ownership 758

or control with a contracting entity. 759

(B) "Basic health care services" has the same meaning as 760  
in division (A) of section 1751.01 of the Revised Code, except 761  
that it does not include any services listed in that division 762  
that are provided by a pharmacist or nursing home. 763

(C) "Contracting entity" means any person that has a 764  
primary business purpose of contracting with participating 765  
providers for the delivery of health care services. 766

(D) "Credentialing" means the process of assessing and 767  
validating the qualifications of a provider applying to be 768  
approved by a contracting entity to provide basic health care 769  
services, specialty health care services, or supplemental health 770  
care services to enrollees. 771

(E) "Edit" means adjusting one or more procedure codes 772  
billed by a participating provider on a claim for payment or a 773  
practice that results in any of the following: 774

(1) Payment for some, but not all of the procedure codes 775  
originally billed by a participating provider; 776

(2) Payment for a different procedure code than the 777  
procedure code originally billed by a participating provider; 778

(3) A reduced payment as a result of services provided to 779  
an enrollee that are claimed under more than one procedure code 780  
on the same service date. 781

(F) "Electronic claims transport" means to accept and 782  
digitize claims or to accept claims already digitized, to place 783  
those claims into a format that complies with the electronic 784  
transaction standards issued by the United States department of 785  
health and human services pursuant to the "Health Insurance 786

Portability and Accountability Act of 1996," 110 Stat. 1955, 42 787  
U.S.C. 1320d, et seq., as those electronic standards are 788  
applicable to the parties and as those electronic standards are 789  
updated from time to time, and to electronically transmit those 790  
claims to the appropriate contracting entity, payer, or third- 791  
party administrator. 792

(G) "Enrollee" means any person eligible for health care 793  
benefits under a health benefit plan, including an eligible 794  
recipient of medicaid, and includes all of the following terms: 795

(1) "Enrollee" and "subscriber" as defined by section 796  
1751.01 of the Revised Code; 797

(2) "Member" as defined by section 1739.01 of the Revised 798  
Code; 799

(3) "Insured" and "plan member" pursuant to Chapter 3923. 800  
of the Revised Code; 801

(4) "Beneficiary" as defined by section 3901.38 of the 802  
Revised Code. 803

(H) "Health care contract" means a contract entered into, 804  
materially amended, or renewed between a contracting entity and 805  
a participating provider for the delivery of basic health care 806  
services, specialty health care services, or supplemental health 807  
care services to enrollees. 808

(I) "Health care services" means basic health care 809  
services, specialty health care services, and supplemental 810  
health care services. 811

(J) "Material amendment" means an amendment to a health 812  
care contract that decreases the participating provider's 813  
payment or compensation, changes the administrative procedures 814

in a way that may reasonably be expected to significantly 815  
increase the provider's administrative expenses, or adds a new 816  
product. A material amendment does not include any of the 817  
following: 818

(1) A decrease in payment or compensation resulting solely 819  
from a change in a published fee schedule upon which the payment 820  
or compensation is based and the date of applicability is 821  
clearly identified in the contract; 822

(2) A decrease in payment or compensation that was 823  
anticipated under the terms of the contract, if the amount and 824  
date of applicability of the decrease is clearly identified in 825  
the contract; 826

(3) An administrative change that may significantly 827  
increase the provider's administrative expense, the specific 828  
applicability of which is clearly identified in the contract; 829

(4) Changes to an existing prior authorization, 830  
precertification, notification, or referral program that do not 831  
substantially increase the provider's administrative expense; 832

(5) Changes to an edit program or to specific edits if the 833  
participating provider is provided notice of the changes 834  
pursuant to division (A) (1) of section 3963.04 of the Revised 835  
Code and the notice includes information sufficient for the 836  
provider to determine the effect of the change; 837

(6) Changes to a health care contract described in 838  
division (B) of section 3963.04 of the Revised Code. 839

(K) "Participating provider" means a provider that has a 840  
health care contract with a contracting entity and is entitled 841  
to reimbursement for health care services rendered to an 842  
enrollee under the health care contract. 843

(L) "Payer" means any person that assumes the financial risk for the payment of claims under a health care contract or the reimbursement for health care services provided to enrollees by participating providers pursuant to a health care contract.

(M) "Primary enrollee" means a person who is responsible for making payments for participation in a health care plan or an enrollee whose employment or other status is the basis of eligibility for enrollment in a health care plan.

(N) "Procedure codes" includes the American medical association's current procedural terminology code, the American dental association's current dental terminology, and the centers for medicare and medicaid services health care common procedure coding system.

(O) "Product" means one of the following types of categories of coverage for which a participating provider may be obligated to provide health care services pursuant to a health care contract:

(1) A health maintenance organization or other product provided by a health insuring corporation;

(2) A preferred provider organization;

(3) Medicare;

(4) Medicaid;

(5) Workers' compensation.

(P) "Provider" means a physician, podiatrist, pharmacist, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, psychologist, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, occupational therapist, massage therapist, physical therapist, licensed professional counselor, licensed professional clinical

counselor, hearing aid dealer, orthotist, prosthetist, home 872  
health agency, hospice care program, pediatric respite care 873  
program, or hospital, or a provider organization or physician- 874  
hospital organization that is acting exclusively as an 875  
administrator on behalf of a provider to facilitate the 876  
provider's participation in health care contracts. ~~"Provider"~~ 877

"Provider" does not mean ~~a pharmacist, pharmacy, either of~~ 878  
the following: 879

(1) A nursing home, or a ; 880

(2) A provider organization or physician-hospital 881  
organization that leases the provider organization's or 882  
physician-hospital organization's network to a third party or 883  
contracts directly with employers or health and welfare funds. 884

(Q) "Specialty health care services" has the same meaning 885  
as in section 1751.01 of the Revised Code, except that it does 886  
not include any services listed in division (B) of section 887  
1751.01 of the Revised Code that are provided by a pharmacist or 888  
a nursing home. 889

(R) "Supplemental health care services" has the same 890  
meaning as in division (B) of section 1751.01 of the Revised 891  
Code, except that it does not include any services listed in 892  
that division that are provided by a pharmacist or nursing home. 893

Sec. 5164.14. The medicaid program may cover a health care 894  
service that a pharmacist provides to a medicaid recipient in 895  
accordance with Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code, including any 896  
of the following services: 897

(A) Managing drug therapy under a consult agreement with a 898  
physician pursuant to section 4729.39 of the Revised Code; 899



<u>(B) Administering immunizations in accordance with section</u>	900
<u>4729.41 of the Revised Code;</u>	901
<u>(C) Administering drugs in accordance with section 4729.45</u>	902
<u>of the Revised Code.</u>	903
<u>Sec. 5167.121. If the medicaid program covers the</u>	904
<u>pharmacist services described in section 5164.14 of the Revised</u>	905
<u>Code, the department of medicaid may require a medicaid managed</u>	906
<u>care organization to provide coverage of the pharmacist services</u>	907
<u>to the same extent when the services are provided to a medicaid</u>	908
<u>recipient who is enrolled in the organization as a part of the</u>	909
<u>care management system established under section 5167.03 of the</u>	910
<u>Revised Code.</u>	911
<b>Section 2.</b> That existing sections 173.12, 341.192,	912
1739.05, 1751.01, 3702.30, 3712.06, 3712.061, and 3963.01 of the	913
Revised Code are hereby repealed.	914
<b>Section 3.</b> Sections 1739.05, 1751.01, and 3923.89 of the	915
Revised Code, as amended or enacted by this act, apply to health	916
benefit plans that are delivered, issued for delivery, or	917
renewed in this state on or after the effective date of this	918
act. Section 3963.01 of the Revised Code, as amended by this	919
act, applies to health care contracts that are entered into,	920
materially amended, or renewed on or after the effective date of	921
this act.	922
<b>Section 4.</b> Section 1739.05 of the Revised Code is	923
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended	924
by both Sub. H.B. 463 and Sub. S.B. 319 of the 131st General	925
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in	926
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments	927
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous	928

operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of	929
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section	930
as presented in this act.	931