

CCS SB 1068 -- PHARMACY AUDITS, PHARMACY REBATES FUND, AND
FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS

This bill establishes guidelines for pharmacy audits, creates the Pharmacy Rebates Fund, and establishes the Missouri Fibromyalgia Awareness Initiative Program.

PHARMACY AUDITS

The bill establishes guidelines that entities must follow when auditing a pharmacy. Any entity conducting an audit must develop an appeal process under which a pharmacy can appeal an unfavorable audit report. The bill does not apply to any investigative audits involving fraud, willful misrepresentation, or abuse.

PHARMACY REBATES FUND

The Pharmacy Rebates Fund is created to be used in the MO HealthNet Pharmacy Program. Any money received by the state from pharmaceutical manufacturer rebates as required by federal law or state supplemental rebates as specified in State Medicaid Plan amendments must be deposited into the fund and can only be used in the program.

MISSOURI FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS INITIATIVE PROGRAM

The bill establishes the Missouri Fibromyalgia Awareness Initiative Program within the Department of Health and Senior Services and requires the department to establish the Missouri Fibromyalgia Panel and provide the program and the panel with the necessary administrative services and support. The panel will be comprised of volunteers with knowledge and expertise regarding fibromyalgia research, prevention, educational programs, and consumer needs to guide program development. The panel is required to:

- (1) Seek and accept private, federal, or other public financial support, grants, or other appropriate funds to support the program;
- (2) Consult with the National Fibromyalgia Association to raise at least \$50,000 through private funding to establish a public information and outreach campaign for issues related to fibromyalgia;
- (3) Work with other state and local agencies to promote fibromyalgia education and training programs for physicians and health professionals; and

(4) Examine various pharmaceutical treatments available for fibromyalgia patients.

The provisions regarding the program and the panel will only be implemented if the panel obtains the required private funding.