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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1043**

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-954,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for inclusion of
- 3 antidepressant, antipsychotic, and anticonvulsant prescription drugs
- 4 on the preferred drug list; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.** Section 68-954, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3           68-954 (1) The department and the pharmaceutical and therapeutics  
4 committee shall consider all therapeutic classes of prescription drugs  
5 for inclusion on the preferred drug list ~~, except that antidepressant,~~  
6 ~~antipsychotic, and anticonvulsant prescription drugs shall not be subject~~  
7 ~~to consideration for inclusion on the preferred drug list.~~

8           (2)(a) The department shall include a prescription drug on the  
9 preferred drug list if the prescription drug is therapeutically  
10 equivalent to or superior to a prescription drug on the list and the net  
11 cost of the new prescription drug is equal to or less than the net cost  
12 of the listed drug, after consideration of applicable rebates or  
13 discounts negotiated by the department.

14           (b) If the department finds that two or more prescription drugs  
15 under consideration for inclusion on the preferred drug list are  
16 therapeutically equivalent, the department shall include the more cost-  
17 effective prescription drug or drugs on the preferred drug list, after  
18 consideration of applicable rebates or discounts negotiated by the  
19 department.

20           (3) The department shall maintain an updated preferred drug list in  
21 electronic format and shall make the list available to the public on the  
22 department's Internet website.

23           **Sec. 2.** Original section 68-954, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
24 Nebraska, is repealed.