



## Specialty Tier Reform Update – Week of January 12, 2015

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### STATES

#### Virginia

##### ***New bill would limit specialty tier cost-sharing to \$100 per month***

Delegate Jennifer McClellan (D) introduced legislation this week that would prohibit cost-sharing obligations for a specialty tier drug from exceeding \$100 per month for a 30-day supply. The limit shall apply regardless of whether any deductible has been satisfied.

Similar to legislation introduced in Kentucky, H.B. 1948 would let subscribers request an exception to the tiered cost-sharing structure and prohibit insurers from placing all drugs of the same class within a specialty tier (see Specialty Tier Reform Update for Week of January 5<sup>th</sup>). The latter is a practice that has been discouraged by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in response to civil rights complaints filed by consumer advocates.