

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to health insurance coverage for  
3 opioids; creating s. 627.64194, F.S.; defining terms;  
4 providing that a health insurance policy that covers  
5 opioid analgesic drug products may impose a prior  
6 authorization requirement for an abuse-deterrent  
7 opioid analgesic drug product only if the insurer  
8 imposes the same requirement for each opioid analgesic  
9 drug product without an abuse-deterrence labeling  
10 claim; prohibiting such health insurance policy from  
11 requiring use of an opioid analgesic drug product  
12 without an abuse-deterrence labeling claim before  
13 providing coverage for an abuse-deterrent opioid  
14 analgesic drug product; providing an effective date.

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16 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the abuse of opioids is  
17 a serious problem that affects the health, social, and economic  
18 welfare of this state, and

19 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that an estimated 2.1  
20 million people in the United States suffered from substance use  
21 disorders related to prescription opioid pain relievers in 2012,  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the number of  
24 unintentional overdose deaths from prescription pain relievers  
25 has more than quadrupled since 1999, and

26 WHEREAS, the Legislature is convinced that it is imperative

27 | for people suffering from pain to obtain the relief they need  
 28 | while minimizing the potential for negative consequences, NOW,  
 29 | THEREFORE,

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 31 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 33 | Section 1. Section 627.64194, Florida Statutes, is created  
 34 | to read:

35 | 627.64194 Requirements for opioid coverage.—

36 | (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

37 | (a) "Abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug product" means  
 38 | a brand or generic opioid analgesic drug product approved by the  
 39 | United States Food and Drug Administration with an abuse-  
 40 | deterrence labeling claim that indicates the drug product is  
 41 | expected to deter abuse.

42 | (b) "Opioid analgesic drug product" means a drug product  
 43 | in the opioid analgesic drug class prescribed to treat moderate  
 44 | to severe pain or other conditions in immediate-release,  
 45 | extended-release, or long-acting form regardless of whether or  
 46 | not combined with other drug substances to form a single drug  
 47 | product or dosage form.

48 | (2) COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS.—A health insurance policy that  
 49 | provides coverage for opioid analgesic drug products:

50 | (a) May impose a prior authorization requirement for an  
 51 | abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug product only if the policy  
 52 | imposes the same prior authorization requirement for each opioid

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53 analgesic drug product without an abuse-deterrence labeling  
54 claim which is covered by the policy.

55 (b) May not require use of an opioid analgesic drug  
56 product without an abuse-deterrence labeling claim before  
57 providing coverage for an abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug  
58 product.

59 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2017.