

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to health benefit coverage for  
3 prescription eye drop refills; creating s. 627.6411,  
4 F.S.; requiring health insurance policies providing  
5 coverage for certain prescription eye drops to provide  
6 coverage for eye drop prescription refills under  
7 certain circumstances; providing that such benefits  
8 are subject to the same cost-sharing provisions  
9 established for other prescription drug benefits under  
10 such policies; amending s. 627.662, F.S.; providing  
11 applicability of prescription eye drop refill coverage  
12 requirements to group health insurance, blanket health  
13 insurance, and franchise health insurance; amending s.  
14 641.31, F.S.; requiring health maintenance contracts  
15 providing coverage for certain prescription eye drops  
16 to provide coverage for eye drop prescription refills  
17 under certain circumstances; providing that such  
18 benefits are subject to the same cost-sharing  
19 provisions established for other prescription drug  
20 benefits under such contracts; providing an effective  
21 date.

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23 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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25 Section 1. Section 627.6411, Florida Statutes, is created

26 to read:

27 627.6411 Coverage for prescription eye drop refills.—

28 (1) A health insurance policy that provides coverage for  
29 prescription eye drops to treat a chronic eye disease or  
30 condition must provide coverage for a refill of prescription eye  
31 drops if all of the following conditions are met:

32 (a) The refill is dispensed on or before the last day of  
33 the prescribed dosage period, and not earlier than:

34 1. The 24th day after the date a prescription for a 30-day  
35 supply of eye drops is dispensed;

36 2. The 48th day after the date a prescription for a 60-day  
37 supply of eye drops is dispensed; or

38 3. The 72nd day after the date a prescription for a 90-day  
39 supply of eye drops is dispensed.

40 (b) The original prescription states that additional  
41 quantities are needed and the refill requested by the insured  
42 does not exceed such quantities.

43 (2) The prescription eye drop benefits covered under this  
44 section are subject to the same annual deductibles, copayments,  
45 coinsurance, or other cost-sharing provisions established for  
46 all other prescription drug benefits under the health insurance  
47 policy.

48 Section 2. Present subsection (15) of section 627.662,  
49 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (16), and a new  
50 subsection (15) is added to that section, to read:

51           627.662 Other provisions applicable.—The following  
52 provisions apply to group health insurance, blanket health  
53 insurance, and franchise health insurance:

54           (15) Section 627.6411, relating to coverage for  
55 prescription eye drop refills.

56           Section 3. Subsection (45) is added to section 641.31,  
57 Florida Statutes, to read:

58           641.31 Health maintenance contracts.—

59           (45) (a) A health maintenance contract that provides  
60 coverage for prescription eye drops to treat a chronic eye  
61 disease or condition must provide coverage for a refill of  
62 prescription eye drops if all of the following conditions are  
63 met:

64           1. The refill is dispensed on or before the last day of  
65 the prescribed dosage period, and not earlier than:

66           a. The 24th day after the date a prescription for a 30-day  
67 supply of eye drops is dispensed;

68           b. The 48th day after the date a prescription for a 60-day  
69 supply of eye drops is dispensed; or

70           c. The 72nd day after the date a prescription for a 90-day  
71 supply of eye drops is dispensed.

72           2. The original prescription states that additional  
73 quantities are needed and the refill requested by the subscriber  
74 does not exceed such quantities.

75           (b) The prescription eye drop benefits covered under this

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76 | subsection are subject to the same annual deductibles,  
77 | copayments, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing provisions  
78 | established for all other prescription drug benefits under the  
79 | health maintenance contract.

80 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.