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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to psychotropic medication;
amending s. 641.31, F.S.; requiring a contract
by a health maintenance organization to cover
psychotropic medication when prescribed as
medically necessary by an authorized physician
to treat a subscriber of the health maintenance
organization; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsections (36), (37), (38), (39),
and (40) of section 641.31, Florida Statutes, are redesignated
as subsections (37), (38), (39), (40), and (41), respectively,
and a new subsection (36) is added to that section, to read:

641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--

(36) If a contract by a health maintenance
organization provides coverage for a psychotropic medication
that has been prescribed as medically necessary by a physician
who is authorized by the health maintenance organization for a
subscriber, the health maintenance organization may not
discontinue coverage for that psychotropic medication for that
subscriber.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2007,
and applies to contracts issued or renewed on or after that
date.

SENATE SUMMARY

Requires a contract by a health maintenance organization
to cover psychotropic medication when prescribed as
medically necessary by an authorized physician to treat a
subscriber of the health maintenance organization.