

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED                                         (Y/N)  
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee  
2 Representative Cruz offered the following:

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4            **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5            Remove lines 25-72 and insert:

6            627.64196 Medication synchronization.-

7            (1) A health insurer issuing or delivering in this state an  
8 individual or a group health insurance policy that provides  
9 prescription drug coverage shall offer medication  
10 synchronization to allow an insured to align at least once in a  
11 plan year the refill dates for prescription drugs covered by the  
12 policy. The insurer shall implement a process for dispensing  
13 prescription drugs to an insured for the purpose of aligning the  
14 refill dates of such drugs, and such medication synchronization  
15 may be available only through a network pharmacy. A controlled  
16 substance, a prescription drug dispensed in an unbreakable

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17 package, or a multidose unit of a prescription drug may not be  
18 partially filled for the purpose of aligning refill dates. The  
19 insurer shall pay a full dispensing fee to the network pharmacy  
20 for each partial refill of a covered prescription drug dispensed  
21 to align refill dates, unless otherwise agreed to by the plan  
22 and the network pharmacy at the time an insured requests  
23 medication synchronization. The insurer shall prorate the cost-  
24 sharing obligations of the insured for each partial refill of a  
25 covered prescription drug dispensed to align refill dates. This  
26 section applies to policies renewed or entered into on or after  
27 January 1, 2018.

28 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), an alternate process  
29 used by an insurer which includes early refill dates, refill  
30 overrides, and access on the insurer's public website to the  
31 terms and conditions of such a process is deemed to comply with  
32 the requirements of this section.

33 Section 2. Subsection (44) is added to section 641.31,  
34 Florida Statutes, to read:

35 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.-

36 (44) (a) A health maintenance organization issuing or  
37 delivering in this state a health maintenance contract that  
38 provides prescription drug coverage shall offer medication  
39 synchronization to allow a subscriber to align at least once in  
40 a plan year the refill dates for prescription drugs covered by  
41 the health maintenance contract. The health maintenance

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42 organization shall implement a process for dispensing  
43 prescription drugs to a subscriber for the purpose of aligning  
44 the refill dates of such drugs, and such medication  
45 synchronization may be available only through a network  
46 pharmacy. A controlled substance, a prescription drug dispensed  
47 in an unbreakable package, or a multidose unit of a prescription  
48 drug may not be partially filled for the purpose of aligning  
49 refill dates. The health maintenance organization shall pay a  
50 full dispensing fee to the network pharmacy for each partial  
51 refill of a covered prescription drug dispensed to align refill  
52 dates, unless otherwise agreed to by the plan and the network  
53 pharmacy at the time a subscriber requests medication  
54 synchronization. The health maintenance organization shall  
55 prorate the cost-sharing obligations of the subscriber for each  
56 partial refill of a covered prescription drug dispensed to align  
57 refill dates. This subsection applies to policies renewed or  
58 entered into on or after January 1, 2018.

59 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an alternate process  
60 used by a health maintenance organization which includes early  
61 refill dates, refill overrides, and access on the health  
62 maintenance organization's public website to the terms and  
63 conditions of such a process is deemed to comply with the  
64 requirements of this section.

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Remove lines 17-19 and insert:  
obligations; providing applicability providing that specified  
alternate processes used by insurers and health maintenance  
organizations comply with medication synchronization  
requirements;  
providing