

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to medication synchronization;
 3 creating s. 627.64196, F.S., and amending s. 641.31,
 4 F.S.; requiring certain health insurance policies and
 5 health maintenance contracts, respectively, to provide
 6 medication synchronization services to allow an
 7 insured or subscriber to align refill dates of covered
 8 prescription drugs under certain circumstances;
 9 prohibiting a controlled substance, a prescription
 10 drug dispensed in an unbreakable package, or multi-
 11 dose unit of a prescription drug from being partially
 12 filled for such purpose; requiring a health insurer or
 13 health maintenance organization to pay a full
 14 dispensing fee to a network pharmacy for each partial
 15 refill of a covered prescription drug under certain
 16 circumstances; requiring prorated cost-sharing
 17 obligations for each partially refilled covered
 18 prescription drug; providing applicability; providing
 19 an effective date.

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

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 23 Section 1. Section 627.64196, Florida Statutes, is created
 24 to read:
 25 627.64196 Medication synchronization.—An individual or

26 group health insurance policy issued or delivered in this state
27 which provides prescription drug coverage shall offer medication
28 synchronization services to allow an insured to align the refill
29 dates for prescription drugs covered by the policy at least once
30 in a plan year. The insurer shall implement a policy for
31 dispensing prescription drugs to an insured for the purpose of
32 aligning the refill dates of such drugs. Such medication
33 synchronization shall be available only through a network
34 pharmacy. A controlled substance, a prescription drug dispensed
35 in an unbreakable package, or a multi-dose unit of a
36 prescription drug may not be partially filled for the purpose of
37 aligning refill dates. The insurer shall pay a full dispensing
38 fee to the network pharmacy for each partial refill of a covered
39 prescription drug done for the purpose of aligning refill dates,
40 unless otherwise agreed to by the plan and the network pharmacy
41 at the time an insured requests medication synchronization. The
42 insurer shall prorate the cost-sharing obligations of the
43 insured for each partial refill of a covered prescription drug
44 done for the purpose of aligning refill dates. This section
45 applies to policies renewed or entered into on or after January
46 1, 2018.

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

49 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.—

50 (44) A health maintenance contract issued or delivered in

51 this state which provides prescription drug coverage shall offer
52 medication synchronization services to allow a subscriber to
53 align the refill dates for prescription drugs covered by the
54 contract at least once in a plan year. The health maintenance
55 organization shall implement a policy for dispensing
56 prescription drugs to a subscriber for the purpose of aligning
57 the refill dates of such drugs. Such medication synchronization
58 shall be available only through a network pharmacy. A controlled
59 substance, a prescription drug dispensed in an unbreakable
60 package, or a multi-dose unit of a prescription drug may not be
61 partially filled for the purpose of aligning refill dates. The
62 health maintenance organization shall pay a full dispensing fee
63 to the network pharmacy for each partial refill of a covered
64 prescription drug done for the purpose of aligning refill dates,
65 unless otherwise agreed to by the health maintenance
66 organization and the network pharmacy at the time a subscriber
67 requests medication synchronization. The health maintenance
68 organization shall prorate the cost-sharing obligations of the
69 subscriber for each partial refill of a covered prescription
70 drug done for the purpose of aligning refill dates. This
71 subsection applies to contracts renewed or entered into on or
72 after January 1, 2018.

73 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.