

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 insurers and health
5 maintenance organizations, respectively, to provide
6 medication synchronization to allow an insured or a
7 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 a
11 multidose unit of a prescription drug from being
12 partially filled for such purpose; requiring a health
13 insurer or health maintenance organization to pay a
14 full dispensing fee to a network pharmacy for each
15 partial refill of a covered prescription drug under
16 certain circumstances; requiring prorated cost-sharing
17 obligations; providing applicability; authorizing the
18 use of an alternate process for dispensing
19 prescription drugs under specified circumstances;
20 providing an effective date.

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

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24 Section 1. Section 627.64196, Florida Statutes, is created
25 to read:

26 627.64196 Medication synchronization.-

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

48 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), an alternate process
49 used by an insurer which includes early refill dates, refill
50 overrides, and access on the insurer's public website to the

51 terms and conditions of such a process is deemed to comply with
52 the requirements of this section.

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

55 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.—

56 (44) (a) A health maintenance organization issuing or
57 delivering in this state a health maintenance contract that
58 provides prescription drug coverage shall offer medication
59 synchronization to allow a subscriber to align at least once in
60 a plan year the refill dates for prescription drugs covered by
61 the health maintenance contract. The health maintenance
62 organization shall implement a process for dispensing
63 prescription drugs to a subscriber for the purpose of aligning
64 the refill dates of such drugs, and such medication
65 synchronization may be available only through a network
66 pharmacy. A controlled substance, a prescription drug dispensed
67 in an unbreakable package, or a multidose unit of a prescription
68 drug may not be partially filled for the purpose of aligning
69 refill dates. The health maintenance organization shall pay a
70 full dispensing fee to the network pharmacy for each partial
71 refill of a covered prescription drug dispensed to align refill
72 dates, unless otherwise agreed to by the plan and the network
73 pharmacy at the time a subscriber requests medication
74 synchronization. The health maintenance organization shall
75 prorate the cost-sharing obligations of the subscriber for each

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76 partial refill of a covered prescription drug dispensed to align
77 refill dates. This subsection applies to contracts renewed or
78 entered into on or after January 1, 2018.

79 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an alternate process
80 used by a health maintenance organization which includes early
81 refill dates, refill overrides, and access on the health
82 maintenance organization's public website to the terms and
83 conditions of such a process is deemed to comply with the
84 requirements of this section.

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