

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

48 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a health insurer that
49 has an alternate process in place for plans entered into or
50 renewed before January 1, 2018, which includes early refill

51 dates and refill overrides, is deemed to comply with the
52 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

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), a health maintenance
80 | organization that has an alternate process in place for
81 | contracts entered into or renewed before January 1, 2018, which
82 | includes early refill dates and refill overrides, is deemed to
83 | comply with the requirements of this section.

84 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.