

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senators Broxson and Mayfield

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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 health insurers and health maintenance
5 organizations, respectively, which issue or deliver
6 certain policies or contracts to offer medication
7 synchronization to allow insureds and subscribers to
8 align refill dates for certain drugs at least once in
9 a plan year; requiring such insurers and health
10 maintenance organizations to implement a process for
11 aligning such dates; authorizing medical
12 synchronization only through a network pharmacy;
13 providing exceptions from partial filling for the
14 purpose of aligning refill dates; requiring such
15 insurers and health maintenance organizations to pay,
16 except under certain circumstances, the full
17 dispensing fee for a partial refill to align refill
18 dates; requiring such insurers and health maintenance
19 organizations to prorate certain cost-sharing
20 obligations; providing applicability; providing an
21 effective date.

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

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

27 627.64196 Medication synchronization.—A health insurer
28 issuing or delivering in this state an individual or a group
29 health insurance policy that provides prescription drug coverage

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30 shall offer medication synchronization to allow an insured to
31 align at least once in a plan year the refill dates for
32 prescription drugs covered by the policy. The insurer shall
33 implement a process for dispensing prescription drugs to an
34 insured for the purpose of aligning the refill dates of such
35 drugs, and such medication synchronization may be available only
36 through a network pharmacy. A controlled substance, a
37 prescription drug dispensed in an unbreakable package, or a
38 multidose unit of a prescription drug may not be partially
39 filled for the purpose of aligning refill dates. The insurer
40 shall pay a full dispensing fee to the network pharmacy for each
41 partial refill of a covered prescription drug dispensed to align
42 refill dates, unless otherwise agreed to by the plan and the
43 network pharmacy at the time an insured requests medication
44 synchronization. The insurer shall prorate the cost-sharing
45 obligations of the insured for each partial refill of a covered
46 prescription drug dispensed to align refill dates. This section
47 applies to policies renewed or entered into on or after January
48 1, 2018.

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

51 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.—

52 (44) A health maintenance organization issuing or
53 delivering in this state a health maintenance contract that
54 provides prescription drug coverage shall offer medication
55 synchronization to allow a subscriber to align at least once in
56 a plan year the refill dates for prescription drugs covered by
57 the health maintenance contract. The health maintenance
58 organization shall implement a process for dispensing

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59 prescription drugs to a subscriber for the purpose of aligning
60 the refill dates of such drugs, and such medication
61 synchronization may be available only through a network
62 pharmacy. A controlled substance, a prescription drug dispensed
63 in an unbreakable package, or a multidose unit of a prescription
64 drug may not be partially filled for the purpose of aligning
65 refill dates. The health maintenance organization shall pay a
66 full dispensing fee to the network pharmacy for each partial
67 refill of a covered prescription drug dispensed to align refill
68 dates, unless otherwise agreed to by the plan and the network
69 pharmacy at the time a subscriber requests medication
70 synchronization. The health maintenance organization shall
71 prorate the cost-sharing obligations of the subscriber for each
72 partial refill of a covered prescription drug dispensed to align
73 refill dates. This subsection applies to policies renewed or
74 entered into on or after January 1, 2018.

75 Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2018.