

By Senator Farmer

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to prior authorization for opioid
3 alternatives; amending s. 627.64195, F.S.; prohibiting
4 health insurance policies from requiring that
5 treatment with an opioid analgesic drug product be
6 attempted and have failed before authorizing the use
7 of a nonopioid-based analgesic drug product; providing
8 an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 627.64195, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 627.64195 Requirements for opioid coverage.—

15 (2) COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS.—

16 (a) A health insurance policy may not require that
17 treatment with an opioid analgesic drug product be attempted and
18 have failed before authorizing the use of a nonopioid-based
19 analgesic drug product.

20 (b) A health insurance policy that provides coverage for
21 abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug products:

22 1.-(a) May impose a prior authorization requirement for an
23 abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug product only if the policy
24 imposes the same prior authorization requirement for each opioid
25 analgesic drug product without an abuse-deterrence labeling
26 claim.

27 2.-(b) May not require use of an opioid analgesic drug
28 product without an abuse-deterrence labeling claim before
29 authorizing the use of an abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug

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30 product.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.