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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to health benefit coverage for
3 prescription eye drop refills; creating s. 627.6411,
4 F.S.; requiring health insurance policies providing
5 coverage for certain prescription eye drops to provide
6 coverage for eye drop prescription refills under
7 certain circumstances; providing that such benefits
8 are subject to the same cost-sharing provisions
9 established for other prescription drug benefits under
10 such policies; amending s. 627.662, F.S.; providing
11 applicability of prescription eye drop refill coverage
12 requirements to group health insurance, blanket health
13 insurance, and franchise health insurance; amending s.
14 641.31, F.S.; requiring health maintenance contracts
15 providing coverage for certain prescription eye drops
16 to provide coverage for eye drop prescription refills
17 under certain circumstances; providing that such
18 benefits are subject to the same cost-sharing
19 provisions established for other prescription drug
20 benefits under such contracts; providing an effective
21 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 627.6411, Florida Statutes, is created
26 to read:

27 627.6411 Coverage for prescription eye drop refills.-

28 (1) A health insurance policy that provides coverage for
29 prescription eye drops to treat a chronic eye disease or

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30 condition must provide coverage for a refill of prescription eye
31 drops if all of the following conditions are met:

32 (a) The refill is dispensed on or before the last day of
33 the prescribed dosage period, and not earlier than:

34 1. The 24th day after the date a prescription for a 30-day
35 supply of eye drops is dispensed;

36 2. The 48th day after the date a prescription for a 60-day
37 supply of eye drops is dispensed; or

38 3. The 72nd day after the date a prescription for a 90-day
39 supply of eye drops is dispensed.

40 (b) The original prescription states that additional
41 quantities are needed and the refill requested by the insured
42 does not exceed such quantities.

43 (2) The prescription eye drop benefits covered under this
44 section are subject to the same annual deductibles, copayments,
45 coinsurance, or other cost-sharing provisions established for
46 all other prescription drug benefits under the health insurance
47 policy.

48 Section 2. Present subsection (15) of section 627.662,
49 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (16), and a new
50 subsection (15) is added to that section, to read:

51 627.662 Other provisions applicable.—The following
52 provisions apply to group health insurance, blanket health
53 insurance, and franchise health insurance:

54 (15) Section 627.6411, relating to coverage for
55 prescription eye drop refills.

56 Section 3. Subsection (45) is added to section 641.31,
57 Florida Statutes, to read:

58 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.—

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59 (45) (a) A health maintenance contract that provides
60 coverage for prescription eye drops to treat a chronic eye
61 disease or condition must provide coverage for a refill of
62 prescription eye drops if all of the following conditions are
63 met:

64 1. The refill is dispensed on or before the last day of the
65 prescribed dosage period, and not earlier than:

66 a. The 24th day after the date a prescription for a 30-day
67 supply of eye drops is dispensed;

68 b. The 48th day after the date a prescription for a 60-day
69 supply of eye drops is dispensed; or

70 c. The 72nd day after the date a prescription for a 90-day
71 supply of eye drops is dispensed.

72 2. The original prescription states that additional
73 quantities are needed and the refill requested by the subscriber
74 does not exceed such quantities.

75 (b) The prescription eye drop benefits covered under this
76 subsection are subject to the same annual deductibles,
77 copayments, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing provisions
78 established for all other prescription drug benefits under the
79 health maintenance contract.

80 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.