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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Appropriations (Broxson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 27 - 74

and insert:

627.64196 Medication synchronization.-

(1) A health insurer issuing or delivering in this state an individual or a group health insurance policy that provides prescription drug coverage shall offer medication synchronization to allow an insured to align at least once in a plan year the refill dates for prescription drugs covered by the



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11 policy. The insurer shall implement a process for dispensing
12 prescription drugs to an insured for the purpose of aligning the
13 refill dates of such drugs, and such medication synchronization
14 may be available only through a network pharmacy. A controlled
15 substance, a prescription drug dispensed in an unbreakable
16 package, or a multidose unit of a prescription drug may not be
17 partially filled for the purpose of aligning refill dates. The
18 insurer shall pay a full dispensing fee to the network pharmacy
19 for each partial refill of a covered prescription drug dispensed
20 to align refill dates, unless otherwise agreed to by the plan
21 and the network pharmacy at the time an insured requests
22 medication synchronization. The insurer shall prorate the cost-
23 sharing obligations of the insured for each partial refill of a
24 covered prescription drug dispensed to align refill dates. This
25 section applies to policies renewed or entered into on or after
26 January 1, 2018.

27 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), an alternate process
28 used by an insurer which includes early refill dates, refill
29 overrides, and access on the insurer's public website to the
30 terms and conditions of such a process is deemed to comply with
31 the requirements of this section.

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

34 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.-

35 (44) (a) A health maintenance organization issuing or
36 delivering in this state a health maintenance contract that
37 provides prescription drug coverage shall offer medication
38 synchronization to allow a subscriber to align at least once in
39 a plan year the refill dates for prescription drugs covered by



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40 the health maintenance contract. The health maintenance
41 organization shall implement a process for dispensing
42 prescription drugs to a subscriber for the purpose of aligning
43 the refill dates of such drugs, and such medication
44 synchronization may be available only through a network
45 pharmacy. A controlled substance, a prescription drug dispensed
46 in an unbreakable package, or a multidose unit of a prescription
47 drug may not be partially filled for the purpose of aligning
48 refill dates. The health maintenance organization shall pay a
49 full dispensing fee to the network pharmacy for each partial
50 refill of a covered prescription drug dispensed to align refill
51 dates, unless otherwise agreed to by the plan and the network
52 pharmacy at the time a subscriber requests medication
53 synchronization. The health maintenance organization shall
54 prorate the cost-sharing obligations of the subscriber for each
55 partial refill of a covered prescription drug dispensed to align
56 refill dates. This subsection applies to contracts renewed or
57 entered into on or after January 1, 2018.

58 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), an alternate process
59 used by a health maintenance organization which includes early
60 refill dates, refill overrides, and access on the health
61 maintenance organization's public website to the terms and
62 conditions of such a process is deemed to comply with the
63 requirements of this subsection.

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65 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

66 And the title is amended as follows:

67 Delete line 20

68 and insert:



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69 obligations; providing applicability; providing that
70 specified alternate processes used by health insurers
71 and health maintenance organizations comply with
72 medication synchronization requirements; providing an