

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1819

By: Newton, Kannady and Babinec
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7 An Act relating to health insurance benefits;
8 providing coverage and benefits for prescription
9 eyedrops under certain conditions; defining term;
10 providing for codification; and providing an
11 effective date.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6060.9d of Title 36, unless
15 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. Any health benefit plan issued or renewed on or after
17 November 1, 2017, that provides coverage for prescription eyedrops
18 shall not deny coverage for a refill of a prescription if:

19 1. For a thirty-day supply, the amount of time has passed after
20 which a patient should have used seventy percent (70%) of the dosage
21 units of the drug according to a practitioner's instructions, or
22 twenty-one (21) days from:

23 a. the original date the prescription was distributed to
24 the insured, or

b. the date the most recent refill was distributed to the insured;

2. The prescribing practitioner indicates on the original prescription that additional quantities are needed;

3. The refill requested by the insured does not exceed the number of additional quantities needed; and

4. The prescription eyedrops prescribed by the practitioner are a covered benefit under the policy or contract to the insured.

B. As used in this section, "health benefit plan" means any plan or arrangement as defined in subsection C of Section 6060.4 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the _____ day of _____, 2017.

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