

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1824

By: Kannady of the House

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4 Griffin of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to insurance; requiring health
8 benefit plans to provide for synchronization of
9 prescription drug refills and prorate cost-sharing
10 charges for prescription drugs under certain
11 circumstances; prohibiting proration of dispensing
12 fees; requiring that dispensing fees be based on the
13 number of prescriptions filled or refilled; defining
14 term; providing for codification; and providing an
15 effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3634.5 of Title 36, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. A health benefit plan that provides benefits for
21 prescription drugs delivered, issued or renewed after November 1,
22 2017, shall provide for synchronization of prescription drug refills
23 on at least one occasion per insured per year, provided all of the
24 following conditions are met:

1 1. The prescription drugs are covered by the health benefit
2 plan's clinical coverage policy or have been approved by a formulary
3 exceptions process;

4 2. The prescription drugs are maintenance medications as
5 defined by the plan and have available refill quantities at the time
6 of synchronization;

7 3. The medications are not Schedule II, III or IV controlled
8 substances;

9 4. The insured meets all utilization management criteria to the
10 prescription drugs at the time of synchronization;

11 5. The prescription drugs are of a formulation that can be
12 safely split into short-fill periods to achieve synchronization;

13 6. The prescription drugs do not have special handling or
14 sourcing needs as determined by the plan, contract, or agreement
15 that require a single, designated pharmacy to fill or refill the
16 prescription; and

17 7. The covered person agrees to the synchronization.

18 B. When necessary to permit synchronization, the health benefit
19 plan shall apply a prorated daily cost-sharing rate to any
20 medication dispensed by a network pharmacy pursuant to this section.
21 No dispensing fees shall be prorated, and all dispensing fees shall
22 be based on the number of prescriptions filled or refilled.

23 C. As used in this section, "synchronization" means the
24 coordination of medication refills for a patient taking two or more

1 medications for one or more chronic conditions such that the
2 patient's medications are refilled on the same schedule for a given
3 time period.

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

5 Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of March, 2017.

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8 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

9 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2017.

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