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CHAPTER 159
SENATE BILL 1288

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-848; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1057.15; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1376.07; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1406.07; RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 20, chapter 4, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 20-848, to read:

4 20-848. Prescriptions; cost sharing; refills; dispensing fees;
5 definition

6 A. A SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACT THAT IS ISSUED OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER
7 JANUARY 1, 2017 AND THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:

8 1. MAY NOT DENY COVERAGE AND SHALL PRORATE THE COST SHARING RATE FOR A
9 PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERED BY THE CONTRACT THAT IS DISPENSED BY A NETWORK
10 PHARMACY FOR LESS THAN THE STANDARD REFILL AMOUNT IF THE SUBSCRIBER REQUESTS
11 ENROLLMENT INTO A MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM AND LESS THAN THE
12 STANDARD REFILL AMOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SYNCHRONIZING THE SUBSCRIBER'S
13 MEDICATIONS.

14 2. SHALL ACCEPT EARLY REFILL AND SHORT FILL REQUESTS FOR PRESCRIPTION
15 DRUGS USING THE SUBMISSION CLARIFICATION AND MESSAGE CODES AS ADOPTED BY THE
16 NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS OR ALTERNATIVE CODES PROVIDED BY
17 THE PLAN UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

18 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION"
19 MEANS THE COORDINATION OF MEDICATION REFILLS FOR A PATIENT TAKING TWO OR MORE
20 MEDICATIONS FOR A CHRONIC CONDITION THAT ARE BEING DISPENSED BY A SINGLE
21 CONTRACTED PHARMACY TO FACILITATE THE SYNCHRONIZATION OF THE PATIENT'S
22 MEDICATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING MEDICATION ADHERENCE.

23 Sec. 2. Title 20, chapter 4, article 9, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
24 amended by adding section 20-1057.15, to read:

25 20-1057.15. Prescriptions; cost sharing; refills; dispensing
26 fees; definition

27 A. AN EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE THAT IS ISSUED OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER
28 JANUARY 1, 2017 AND THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:

29 1. MAY NOT DENY COVERAGE AND SHALL PRORATE THE COST SHARING RATE FOR A
30 PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERED BY THE EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE THAT IS DISPENSED BY A
31 NETWORK PHARMACY FOR LESS THAN THE STANDARD REFILL AMOUNT IF THE ENROLLEE
32 REQUESTS ENROLLMENT INTO A MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM AND LESS THAN
33 THE STANDARD REFILL AMOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SYNCHRONIZING THE ENROLLEE'S
34 MEDICATIONS.

35 2. SHALL ACCEPT EARLY REFILL AND SHORT FILL REQUESTS FOR PRESCRIPTION
36 DRUGS USING THE SUBMISSION CLARIFICATION AND MESSAGE CODES AS ADOPTED BY THE
37 NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS OR ALTERNATIVE CODES PROVIDED BY
38 THE PLAN UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

39 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION"
40 MEANS THE COORDINATION OF MEDICATION REFILLS FOR A PATIENT TAKING TWO OR MORE
41 MEDICATIONS FOR A CHRONIC CONDITION THAT ARE BEING DISPENSED BY A SINGLE
42 CONTRACTED PHARMACY TO FACILITATE THE SYNCHRONIZATION OF THE PATIENT'S
43 MEDICATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING MEDICATION ADHERENCE.

44 Sec. 3. Title 20, chapter 6, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
45 amended by adding section 20-1376.07, to read:

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FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 2, 2015.