

REFERENCE TITLE: AHCCCS; nonopioid drugs; formulary

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Introduced by
Representative Biasiucci

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-2930.07; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST
CONTAINMENT SYSTEM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 29, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-2930.07, to read:

4 36-2930.07. AHCCCS; nonopioid drugs; formulary; definition

5 A. THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ENSURE THAT A NONOPIOID DRUG THAT IS
6 APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO TREAT OR
7 MANAGE PAIN IS NOT TREATED LESS FAVORABLY ON THE SYSTEM'S DRUG FORMULARY
8 WITH RESPECT TO COVERAGE RELATIVE TO ANY OPIOID OR NARCOTIC DRUG TO TREAT
9 OR MANAGE PAIN.

10 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TREATED LESS FAVORABLY"
11 INCLUDES:

12 1. DESIGNATING A NONOPIOID DRUG AS A NONPREFERRED DRUG IF AN OPIOID
13 OR NARCOTIC DRUG IS DESIGNATED AS A PREFERRED DRUG.

14 2. ESTABLISHING MORE RESTRICTIVE OR MORE EXTENSIVE UTILIZATION
15 CONTROLS FOR THE USE OF A NONOPIOID DRUG THAN THE UTILIZATION CONTROLS
16 REQUIRED FOR THE USE OF AN OPIOID OR NARCOTIC DRUG, INCLUDING PRIOR
17 AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS AND STEP THERAPY.