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## HB 2725

Introduced by  
Representatives Bliss: Aguilar, Cavero, Hernandez A, Hernandez C, Peña,  
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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.

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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. Prescription drugs that are not opioids;  
5 therapeutic substitutions; utilization controls

6 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, IF A CONTRACTED  
7 LICENSED PHYSICIAN HAS PRESCRIBED A DRUG THAT IS NOT AN OPIOID TO TREAT  
8 CHRONIC OR ACUTE PAIN, A CONTRACTOR MAY NOT MAKE A THERAPEUTIC  
9 SUBSTITUTION FOR A DRUG THAT IS AN OPIOID.

10 B. THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT ESTABLISH MORE RESTRICTIVE OR  
11 EXTENSIVE UTILIZATION CONTROLS, INCLUDING MORE RESTRICTIVE OR EXTENSIVE  
12 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OR STEP THERAPY REQUIREMENTS, FOR CLINICALLY  
13 APPROPRIATE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT ARE NOT OPIOIDS THAN THE LEAST  
14 RESTRICTIVE OR EXTENSIVE UTILIZATION CONTROLS APPLICABLE TO ANY CLINICALLY  
15 APPROPRIATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG THAT IS AN OPIOID OR NARCOTIC.