CHAPTER 221

INSURANCE

HOUSE BILL 14-1359

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Ginal, Fields, Peniston, Primavera, Singer, Williams, Buechner, Hullinghorst, Labuda, Mitsch Bush, Rosenthal, Ryden, Schafer, Tyler, Vigil, Young; also SENATOR(S) Aguilar, Crowder, Guzman, Heath, Jones, Newell, Nicholson, Schwartz, Tochtrop, Todd.

AN ACT

CONCERNING MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION FOR PATIENTS WHO ARE PRESCRIBED MULTIPLE MEDICATIONS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 10-16-141 as follows:

10-16-141. Medication synchronization services - cost-sharing for partial refills - dispensing fees. (1) A CARRIER OFFERING AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN IN THIS STATE THAT PROVIDES PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE SHALL OFFER, AS PART OF THE PLAN, MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION SERVICES DEVELOPED BY THE CARRIER THAT ALLOW FOR THE ALIGNMENT OF REFILL DATES FOR A COVERED PERSON’S PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT ARE COVERED BENEFITS.

(2) UNDER ITS MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION SERVICES, A CARRIER SHALL:

(a) NOT CHARGE AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF THE OTHERWISE APPLICABLE COPAYMENT AMOUNT UNDER THE HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN FOR DISPENSING A PRESCRIPTION DRUG IN A QUANTITY THAT IS LESS THAN THE PRESCRIBED AMOUNT IF:

(I) THE PHARMACY DISPENSES THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION SERVICES OFFERED UNDER THE HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN; AND

(II) A NETWORK PHARMACY DISPENSES THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG; AND

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.
(b) PROVIDE A FULL DISPENSING FEE TO THE PHARMACY THAT DISPENSES THE MEDICATION TO THE COVERED PERSON.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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