

Senate Bill 841

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Modifies requirements for health plan coverage of prescription drugs dispensed in accordance with synchronization policy.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to implement synchronization policy for dispensing of prescription drugs to medical assistance recipients who are not enrolled in coordinated care organization.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to prescription drug refills; creating new provisions; and amending sections 2 and 4, chap-
3 ter 25, Oregon Laws 2014.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 2, chapter 25, Oregon Laws 2014, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 2.** (1) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Health plan" means:

8 (A) A "health benefit plan" as defined in ORS 743.730; and

9 (B) A self-insured health plan offered by the Public Employees' Benefit Board, the Oregon Edu-
10 cators Benefit Board or the Oregon Health and Science University.

11 (b) "Synchronization policy" means a procedure for aligning the refill dates of a patient's pre-
12 scription drugs so that drugs that are refilled at the same frequency may be refilled concurrently.

13 (2) A health plan that includes prescription drug coverage [*must*] **shall** implement a synchroni-
14 zation policy for the dispensing of prescription drugs to the plan's enrollees.

15 (3) **A health plan shall reimburse the cost of prescription drugs dispensed in accordance**
16 **with the plan's synchronization policy.**

17 (4) **A health plan shall prorate any cost-sharing requirement applied to a dispensing of**
18 **less than a 30-day supply of a prescription drug if requested for the purpose of synchronizing**
19 **a patient's prescription drugs.**

20 (5) **A health plan shall fully reimburse the dispensing fee for partially filled or refilled**
21 **prescription drugs.**

22 (6) **This section does not apply to prescription drugs that:**

23 (a) **Are in unit-of-use packaging for which synchronization is not possible;**

24 (b) **Are controlled substances; or**

25 (c) **Have been identified by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration as having**
26 **a high risk of diversion.**

27 **SECTION 2.** Section 4, chapter 25, Oregon Laws 2014, is amended to read:

28 **Sec. 4.** (1) As used in this section, "synchronization policy" means a procedure for aligning the
29 refill dates of a patient's prescription drugs so that drugs that are refilled at the same frequency
30 may be refilled concurrently.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (2) Each coordinated care organization [*must*] **shall** implement a synchronization policy for the
2 dispensing of prescription drugs to members of the organization.

3 **(3) The Oregon Health Authority shall implement a synchronization policy for the dis-**
4 **persing of prescription drugs to recipients of medical assistance who are not enrolled in a**
5 **coordinated care organization.**

6 SECTION 3. The amendments to section 2, chapter 25, Oregon Laws 2014, by section 1
7 of this 2015 Act apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this
8 2015 Act.

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