

Subject Synchronization of Refills

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Overview

This bill requires contracts between a pharmacy benefit manager and a pharmacy to allow for the synchronization of refills for a patient at least once per year.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Synchronization.</p> <p>Adds § 62W.10. (a) Defines “synchronization” as the coordination of prescription drug refills for a patient taking two or more medications for one or more chronic conditions, to allow the medications to be refilled on the same schedule for a given period of time.</p> <p>(b) Requires a contact between a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) and a pharmacy to allow for synchronization of refills for a patient on at least one occasion per year, if the following criteria are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) the drugs are covered under the health plan or approved as a formulary exception;(2) the drugs are maintenance medications and have one or more refills available;(3) the drugs are not Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substances;(4) the patient meets all utilization management criteria relevant to the drug;(5) the drugs can be safely split into short-fill periods; and(6) the drugs do not have special handling or sourcing needs. <p>(c) Requires the PBM to apply a prorated, daily patient cost-sharing rate when necessary to permit synchronization. Prohibits the dispensing fee from being prorated, and requires dispensing fees to be based on the number of prescriptions filled or refilled.</p> <p>(d) Allows the patient or the patient’s parent or legal guardian to request synchronization. Provides that a legal guardian includes a guardian of an incapacitated person.</p>



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