

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 176

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE; AMENDING CHAPTER 18, TITLE 41, IDAHO CODE, BY
2 THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 41-1852, IDAHO CODE, TO AUTHORIZE MEDICA-
3 TION SYNCHRONIZATION AND DISPENSING FEE STANDARDIZATION AND TO PROVIDE
4 APPLICABILITY.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 18, Title 41, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
9 ignated as Section 41-1852, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 41-1852. MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION AND DISPENSING FEE STANDARDIZA-
11 TION. (1) An insurer offering a health care policy that provides coverage
12 for prescription drugs in this state:

13 (a) Shall permit and apply a prorated daily cost-sharing rate to pre-
14 scriptions that are dispensed by a network pharmacy for less than a
15 thirty (30) days' supply if the prescriber or pharmacist indicates the
16 fill or refill could be in the best interest of the patient or is for the
17 purpose of synchronizing the patient's chronic medications;

18 (b) Shall not deny coverage for the dispensing of any drug prescribed
19 for the treatment of a chronic illness that is made in accordance with a
20 plan among the insured, a practitioner and a pharmacist to synchronize
21 the refilling of multiple prescriptions for the insured; and

22 (c) Shall not use payment structures incorporating prorated dispensing
23 fees determined by calculation of the days' supply of medication dis-
24 pensed. Dispensing fees shall be determined exclusively on the total
25 number of prescriptions dispensed.

26 (2) Health care policies that provide coverage for prescription drugs
27 delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this state on or af-
28 ter January 1, 2017, are subject to the provisions of this section.