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SENATE BILL NO. 2296
(As Passed the Senate)

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ALL INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACTS PROVIDING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE IN THE STATE SHALL APPLY A PRORATED DAILY COST-SHARING RATE FOR A PARTIAL SUPPLY TO ALLOW BENEFICIARIES TO SYNCHRONIZE THEIR MEDICATIONS ON THE SAME DAY EACH MONTH; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION AUTHORITY SHALL BE FULLY APPLICABLE TO THE STATE AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AND THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. (1) An individual or group health insurance policy providing prescription drug coverage in the state shall permit and apply a prorated daily cost-sharing rate to prescriptions that are dispensed by a network pharmacy for a partial supply if the prescriber or pharmacist determines the fill or refill to be in the best interest of the patient and the patient requests or agrees to a partial supply for the purpose of synchronizing the patient's medications.

(2) No individual or group health insurance policy providing prescription drug coverage shall deny coverage for the dispensing of a medication that is dispensed by a network pharmacy on the basis that the dispensing is for a partial supply if the
prescriber or pharmacist determines the fill or refill to be in
the best interest of the patient and the patient requests or
agrees to a partial supply for the purpose of synchronizing the
patient's medications.

(3) No individual or group health insurance policy providing
prescription drug coverage shall use payment structures
incorporating prorated dispensing fees. Dispensing fees for
partially filled or refilled prescriptions shall be paid in full
for each prescription dispensed, regardless of any prorated daily
cost-sharing rate for the beneficiary or fee paid for alignment
services.

(4) The provisions of this section shall be fully applicable
to any managed health care delivery entities including the State
and School Employees Health Insurance Plan and the Mississippi
Medicaid Program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after January 1, 2019.