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To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2296
(As Passed the Senate)

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

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

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

18 (2) No individual or group health insurance policy providing
19 prescription drug coverage shall deny coverage for the dispensing
20 of a medication that is dispensed by a network pharmacy on the
21 basis that the dispensing is for a partial supply if the



22 prescriber or pharmacist determines the fill or refill to be in
23 the best interest of the patient and the patient requests or
24 agrees to a partial supply for the purpose of synchronizing the
25 patient's medications.

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

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

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

