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HOUSE BILL 14-1359

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION FOR PATIENTS WHO ARE**
102 **PRESCRIBED MULTIPLE MEDICATIONS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill requires health insurance carriers offering health coverage plans that provide prescription drug coverage to offer to covered persons medication synchronization services that align the refill dates for multiple prescription medications. Carriers are permitted to develop their own medication synchronization plans but are required to:

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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- ! Apply the normal copayment amount applicable under the health coverage plan when a prescription drug is dispensed in a quantity less than the prescribed amount as long as the prescription drug is dispensed in accordance with the carrier's medication synchronization services by a network pharmacy; and
- ! Provide a full dispensing fee to the pharmacy that dispenses the medication.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 10-16-141 as
3 follows:

4 **10-16-141. Medication synchronization services - cost-sharing**
5 **for partial refills - dispensing fees.** (1) A CARRIER OFFERING AN
6 INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN IN THIS STATE THAT
7 PROVIDES PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE SHALL OFFER, AS PART OF THE
8 PLAN, MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION SERVICES DEVELOPED BY THE
9 CARRIER THAT ALLOW FOR THE ALIGNMENT OF REFILL DATES FOR A
10 COVERED PERSON'S PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT ARE COVERED BENEFITS.

11 (2) UNDER ITS MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION SERVICES, A
12 CARRIER SHALL:

13 (a) NOT CHARGE AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF THE OTHERWISE
14 APPLICABLE COPAYMENT AMOUNT UNDER THE HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN
15 FOR DISPENSING A PRESCRIPTION DRUG IN A QUANTITY THAT IS LESS THAN
16 THE PRESCRIBED AMOUNT IF:

17 (I) THE PHARMACY DISPENSES THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IN
18 ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION SERVICES
19 OFFERED UNDER THE HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN; AND

20 (II) A NETWORK PHARMACY DISPENSES THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG;
21 AND

1 (b) PROVIDE A FULL DISPENSING FEE TO THE PHARMACY THAT
2 DISPENSES THE MEDICATION TO THE COVERED PERSON.

3 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.