

Senate Bill 200

By: Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 insurance generally, so as to provide for synchronizing patients' chronic medications; to  
3 define a term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
4 purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance  
8 generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "33-24-59.21.

10 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'health benefit policy' means any individual or  
11 group plan, policy, or contract for health care services issued, delivered, issued for  
12 delivery, executed, or renewed by an insurer in this state on or after July 1, 2017.

13 (b) A health benefit policy providing prescription drug coverage in this state shall permit  
14 and apply a prorated daily cost-sharing rate to prescriptions that are dispensed by a  
15 pharmacy for less than a 30 days' supply if the prescriber or pharmacist indicates the fill  
16 or refill could be in the best interest of the insured patient or is for the purpose of  
17 synchronizing the insured patient's chronic medications.

18 (c) No health benefit policy providing prescription drug coverage shall deny coverage for  
19 the dispensing of any drug prescribed for the treatment of a chronic illness that is made in  
20 accordance with a plan among the insured, a practitioner, and a pharmacist to synchronize  
21 the refilling of multiple prescriptions for the insured.

22 (d) No health benefit policy providing prescription drug coverage shall use payment  
23 structures incorporating prorated dispensing fees determined by calculation of the days'  
24 supply of medication dispensed. Dispensing fees shall be determined exclusively on the  
25 total number of prescriptions dispensed."

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**SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.