HOUSE BILL NO. 2045

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRIS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to medication synchronization services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 376, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 376.379, to read as follows:

376.379. 1. A health carrier or managed care plan offering a health benefit plan in this state that provides prescription drug coverage shall offer, as part of the plan, medication synchronization services developed by the health carrier or managed care plan that allow for the alignment of refill dates for an enrollee's prescription drugs that are covered benefits.

2. Under its medication synchronization services, a health carrier or managed care plan shall:

(1) Not charge an amount in excess of the otherwise applicable co-payment amount under the health benefit plan for dispensing a prescription drug in a quantity that is less than the prescribed amount if:

(a) The pharmacy dispenses the prescription drug in accordance with the medication synchronization services offered under the health benefit plan. However, a pharmacy shall not be required to process the claims through the health benefit plan if the result is less cost to the patient; and

(b) A participating provider dispenses the prescription drug; and

(2) Provide a full dispensing fee to the pharmacy that dispenses the prescription drug to the covered person.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18   **3. For the purposes of this section the terms "health carrier", "managed care**
19   **plan", "health benefit plan", "enrollee", and "participating provider" shall have the same**
20   **meaning as defined in section 376.1350.**

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