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CHAPTER 159

## **SENATE BILL 1288**

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-848; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1057.15; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1376.07; AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1406.07; RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 20, chapter 4, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 20-848, to read:

4 20-848. Prescriptions; cost sharing; refills; dispensing fees;  
5 definition

6 A. A SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACT THAT IS ISSUED OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER  
7 JANUARY 1, 2017 AND THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:

8 1. MAY NOT DENY COVERAGE AND SHALL PRORATE THE COST SHARING RATE FOR A  
9 PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERED BY THE CONTRACT THAT IS DISPENSED BY A NETWORK  
10 PHARMACY FOR LESS THAN THE STANDARD REFILL AMOUNT IF THE SUBSCRIBER REQUESTS  
11 ENROLLMENT INTO A MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM AND LESS THAN THE  
12 STANDARD REFILL AMOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SYNCHRONIZING THE SUBSCRIBER'S  
13 MEDICATIONS.

14 2. SHALL ACCEPT EARLY REFILL AND SHORT FILL REQUESTS FOR PRESCRIPTION  
15 DRUGS USING THE SUBMISSION CLARIFICATION AND MESSAGE CODES AS ADOPTED BY THE  
16 NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS OR ALTERNATIVE CODES PROVIDED BY  
17 THE PLAN UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

18 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION"  
19 MEANS THE COORDINATION OF MEDICATION REFILLS FOR A PATIENT TAKING TWO OR MORE  
20 MEDICATIONS FOR A CHRONIC CONDITION THAT ARE BEING DISPENSED BY A SINGLE  
21 CONTRACTED PHARMACY TO FACILITATE THE SYNCHRONIZATION OF THE PATIENT'S  
22 MEDICATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING MEDICATION ADHERENCE.

23 Sec. 2. Title 20, chapter 4, article 9, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
24 amended by adding section 20-1057.15, to read:

25 20-1057.15. Prescriptions; cost sharing; refills; dispensing  
26 fees; definition

27 A. AN EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE THAT IS ISSUED OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER  
28 JANUARY 1, 2017 AND THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:

29 1. MAY NOT DENY COVERAGE AND SHALL PRORATE THE COST SHARING RATE FOR A  
30 PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERED BY THE EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE THAT IS DISPENSED BY A  
31 NETWORK PHARMACY FOR LESS THAN THE STANDARD REFILL AMOUNT IF THE ENROLLEE  
32 REQUESTS ENROLLMENT INTO A MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM AND LESS THAN  
33 THE STANDARD REFILL AMOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SYNCHRONIZING THE ENROLLEE'S  
34 MEDICATIONS.

35 2. SHALL ACCEPT EARLY REFILL AND SHORT FILL REQUESTS FOR PRESCRIPTION  
36 DRUGS USING THE SUBMISSION CLARIFICATION AND MESSAGE CODES AS ADOPTED BY THE  
37 NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS OR ALTERNATIVE CODES PROVIDED BY  
38 THE PLAN UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

39 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION"  
40 MEANS THE COORDINATION OF MEDICATION REFILLS FOR A PATIENT TAKING TWO OR MORE  
41 MEDICATIONS FOR A CHRONIC CONDITION THAT ARE BEING DISPENSED BY A SINGLE  
42 CONTRACTED PHARMACY TO FACILITATE THE SYNCHRONIZATION OF THE PATIENT'S  
43 MEDICATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING MEDICATION ADHERENCE.



Passed the House March 24, 2015,

by the following vote: 58 Ayes,

0 Nays, 2 Not Voting

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House

[Signature]  
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate February 23, 2015,

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]  
President of the Senate

[Signature]  
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015,

at 3:28 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of

April, 2015,

at 3:20 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 2 day of April, 2015,

at 9:00 o'clock A M.

[Signature]  
Secretary of State

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