

Senate Bill 200

By: Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd

AS PASSED

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' medications; to define a
3 term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

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

8 "33-24-59.21.

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

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

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

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

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SECTION 2.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.