

HCS HB 198 -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE (Morris)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Health Insurance

A health carrier or managed care plan offering a health benefit plan that provides prescription drug coverage must offer as part of the plan medication synchronization services developed by the carrier or plan that allows for the alignment of refill dates for an enrollee's prescription drugs that are covered benefits. Under this medication synchronization service the plan or carrier is prohibited from charging an amount in excess of the otherwise applicable co-payment amount under the plan for dispensing a prescription in a quantity less than the prescribed amount if certain requirements are met as specified in the bill and must provide a full dispensing fee to the pharmacy that dispenses the prescription drug to the covered person.