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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AMENDMENT  
House Bill 97

AMENDMENT NO. A28  
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Senator Tucker

1 moves to amend the bill on page 355 by inserting the following between lines 12 and 13:

2 **"SYNCHRONIZATION OF PRESCRIPTION REFILLS**

3 **SECTION 20.1.(a)** Article 3 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by  
4 adding a new section to read:

5 **"§ 58-3-181. Synchronization of prescription refills.**

6 (a) Every health benefit plan that provides coverage for prescription drugs shall provide  
7 for synchronization of medication when it is agreed among the insured, the provider, and a  
8 pharmacist that synchronization of multiple prescriptions for the treatment of a chronic illness  
9 is in the best interest of the insured for the management or treatment of a chronic illness,  
10 provided all of the following apply:

- 11 (1) The medications are covered by the clinical coverage policy.
- 12 (2) The medications are used for treatment and management of chronic  
13 conditions and the medications are subject to refills.
- 14 (3) The medications are not a Schedule II controlled substance or a Schedule III  
15 controlled substance containing hydrocodone.
- 16 (4) The medications meet all prior authorization criteria specific to the  
17 medications at the time of the synchronization request.
- 18 (5) The medications are of a formulation that can be effectively split over  
19 required short fill periods to achieve synchronization.
- 20 (6) The medications do not have quantity limits or dose optimization criteria or  
21 requirements that would be violated in fulfilling synchronization.

22 (b) When applicable to permit synchronization, the health benefit plan shall apply a  
23 prorated daily cost-sharing rate to any medication dispensed by a network pharmacy pursuant  
24 to this section. Any dispensing fee shall not be prorated and shall be based on an individual  
25 prescription filled or refilled.

26 (c) The following definitions apply in this section:

- 27 (1) Health benefit plan. – As defined in G.S. 58-3-167. The phrase also applies  
28 to limited-scope dental and vision insurance.
- 29 (2) Health care provider or provider. – As defined in G.S. 58-3-225(a)(4).
- 30 (3) Insured – An individual who is eligible to receive benefits from the health  
31 benefit plan.
- 32 (4) Insurer. – As defined in G.S. 58-3-225(a)(5)."



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1                   **SECTION 20.2(b)** This section becomes effective January 1, 2016, and applies to  
2 insurance contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date."

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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