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To enact section 3902.65 of the Revised Code to
require prescription drug coverage by health
plan issuers.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3902.65 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

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Sec. 3902.65. (A) Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the
Revised Code, a health benefit plan delivered, issued for
delivery, modified, or renewed on or after January 1, 2027, that
covers prescription drugs shall cover any drug product
prescribed to treat a covered person for a disease, disorder, or
condition if all the following are met:

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(1) The drug has been approved by the United States food
and drug administration for the covered person's disease,
disorder, or condition.

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(2) The drug is recognized by either of the following for
treatment of the covered person's disease, disorder, or
condition:

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(a) A prescription drug reference compendium approved by

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the superintendent of insurance for the purposes of this 19
section; 20

(b) Substantially accepted peer-reviewed medical 21
literature. 22

(3) Coverage for the disease, disorder, or condition is 23
not expressly excluded under the plan. 24

(B) The coverage required by division (A) of this section 25
shall include all medically necessary services associated with 26
the administration of the prescription drug. 27

(C) A health plan issuer shall not, based on a "medical 28
necessity" requirement, deny coverage of a prescription drug 29
unless the reason for the denial is unrelated to the legal 30
status of the drug use. 31

(D) This section does not require a health benefit plan to 32
cover either of the following: 33

(1) Experimental drugs that are not otherwise approved for 34
treating the covered person's disease, disorder, or condition by 35
the United States food and drug administration; 36

(2) A drug that the United States food and drug 37
administration has determined to be contraindicated for 38
treatment of the covered person's disease, disorder, or 39
condition. 40