

As Introduced

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To enact section 3902.78 of the Revised Code to 1
prohibit a health plan issuer from imposing 2
restrictions on pharmacy services that increase 3
transparency and prescription drug access for 4
patients. 5

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

Section 1. That section 3902.78 of the Revised Code be 6
enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 3902.78. No health plan issuer, including a pharmacy 8
benefit manager or other third-party administrator, with respect 9
to the provision of pharmacy or pharmacist services under a 10
health benefit plan, shall prohibit, restrict, or impose a 11
penalty on a pharmacy, pharmacist, or personally furnishing 12
prescriber, for, directly or through a third party, offering 13
services or products to increase transparency and prescription 14
drug access for patients, including any of the following: 15

(A) Simplified payment processes, electronic payments, or 16
payment plans; 17

(B) Adherence support services or communications; 18

(C) Information regarding patient out-of-pocket drug costs 19
or alternative medication options; 20

(D) Utilizing electronic transactions that allow a pharmacist or pharmacy to provide patients with information about prescription drug costs and benefits; 21
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(E) Utilizing electronic transactions that allow a pharmacist or pharmacy to provide a patient with prior authorization support for a prescription drug; 24
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(F) Sharing patient claims data or other health care transaction data with the patient, the patient's health care provider and the provider's business associates, or any third party authorized by the patient, when the pharmacist or pharmacy processes the claim or other electronic transaction, or at any time thereafter; 27
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(G) As permitted by state and federal law, providing prescription drug copayment assistance or other out-of-pocket cost support to patients for prescription drugs. 33
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