

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 258

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE. Provides for coverage for refills for prescription eye drops.
(8/1/16)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:997.1, relative to the refilling of topical ophthalmic prescriptions; to
3 require coverage for refills under certain circumstances; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:997.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§997.1. Topical ophthalmic prescriptions; coverage for refills**

8 **A. Any health, hospital, or medical expense insurance policy, hospital or**
9 **medical service contract, employee welfare benefit plan, health and accident**
10 **insurance policy, or any other insurance contract of this type, including a group**
11 **insurance plan, and a self-insurance plan that provides medical and surgical**
12 **benefits, which is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or**
13 **after August 1, 2016, that provides coverage for topical ophthalmic**
14 **prescriptions, shall not deny coverage for refills under the following**
15 **circumstances:**

16 **(1) The refill is requested by the insured for a thirty-day supply, between**
17 **twenty-one and thirty days from the later of either:**

1 **(a) The original date the prescription was distributed to the insured.**

2 **(b) The date the most recent refill was distributed to the insured.**

3 **(2) For a sixty day supply, between forty-two and sixty days from the**
4 **later of either:**

5 **(a) The original date the prescription was distributed to the insured.**

6 **(b) The date the most recent refill was distributed to the insured.**

7 **(3) For a ninety day supply, between sixty-three and ninety days from the**
8 **later of either:**

9 **(a) The original date the prescription was distributed to the insured.**

10 **(b) The date the most recent refill was distributed to the insured.**

11 **B. The prescriber shall indicate on the original prescription that**
12 **additional quantities are necessary. However, the original prescription shall not**
13 **exceed the number of additional quantities necessary for treatment of the**
14 **medical condition for which the original prescription was issued.**

15 **C. The provisions of this Section shall, to the extent practicable, be**
16 **limited in quantity so as not to exceed the remaining dosage initially approved**
17 **for coverage, provided that such limited refilling shall not limit or restrict**
18 **coverage with regard to any previously or subsequently approved topical**
19 **ophthalmic prescription and shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the**
20 **insurance plan otherwise applicable to this coverage.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Cooper.

DIGEST

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Proposed law requires insurance plan coverage for the costs of refilling a topical ophthalmic prescription under certain circumstances.

Proposed law requires the prescriber to indicate on the original prescription that additional quantities are necessary. Requires the original prescription not exceed the number of additional quantities needed for treatment.

Proposed law limits the refills to a quantity not to exceed the remaining dosage initially approved for coverage, provided the limited refills do not limit or restrict coverage with regard to any previously or subsequently approved topical ophthalmic prescription.

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Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 22:997.1)