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HOUSE BILL 1855

Short Title: State Health Plan Changes.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wright; Hurley and Wainwright.

Referred to: Health.

May 30, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PERTAINING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR MEDICAL PLAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 135-40.5(g) reads as rewritten:

"§ 135-40.5. Benefits not subject to deductible or coinsurance.

...

(g) Prescription Drugs. - The Plan's allowable charges for prescription legend drugs to be used outside of a hospital or skilled nursing facility are ninety percent (90%) of the average wholesale price. A dispensing fee of six dollars (\$6.00) per prescription shall also be an allowable charge for qualified providers, determined by a third-party pharmacy benefit manager under contract with the Plan. The Plan will pay allowable charges for each outpatient prescription drug less a copayment to be paid by each covered individual equal to the following amounts: pharmacy charges up to ten dollars (\$10.00) for each generic prescription, fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each branded prescription, and twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each branded prescription with a generic equivalent drug. Prescriptions shall be for no more than a 34-day supply for the purposes of the copayments paid by each covered individual. By accepting the copayments and any remaining allowable charges provided by this subsection, pharmacies shall not balance bill an individual covered by the Plan. A

1 prescription legend drug is defined as an article the label of which, under the Federal
2 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, is required to bear the legend: 'Caution: Federal Law
3 Prohibits Dispensing Without Prescription.' Such articles may not be sold to or purchased
4 by the public without a prescription order. Benefits are provided for insulin even though a
5 prescription is not required."

6 Section 2. G.S. 135-39.5 is amended by adding the following new subdivision
7 to read:

8 "(24) Implementing and administering a case management and disease
9 management program."

10 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.