

SENATE BILL NO. 77

BY SENATORS LUNEAU, BARROW, BOUDREAUX, HENSGENS, MCMATH,  
MIZELL AND POPE AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BAGLEY,  
ECHOLS, HUGHES, LARVADAIN, MCMAHEN, SCHLEGEL AND  
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1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:153.3(C)(2), relative to Medicaid coverage for prescription drugs; to  
3 provide for prescribed drugs used to treat schizophrenia and schizotypal or delusion  
4 disorders; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 46:153.3(C)(2) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §153.3. Medical vendor reimbursements; allowable restrictions; peer-based  
8 prescribing and dispensing practice patterns; Medicaid  
9 Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee

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11 C. \* \* \*

12 **(2) The department shall not restrict by prior authorization any**  
13 **prescription drug prescribed to an adult patient and determined by a**  
14 **prescribing practitioner licensed by the state to be medically necessary for the**  
15 **treatment and prevention of schizophrenia and schizotypal or any delusion**  
16 **disorders, including but not limited to first episode psychosis, if either of the**  
17 **following conditions are met and the request is in accordance with federal**  
18 **requirements:**

19 **(a) During the preceding year, the patient was prescribed and**  
20 **unsuccessfully treated with a preferred drug, whether a brand or generic drug.**

1                   **(b) The patient has previously been prescribed and obtained prior**  
2                   **authorization for the nonpreferred prescribed drug.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_