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DIGEST

Murray (SB 165)

Proposed law requires a health insurance issuer of a health benefit plan that covers prescription drugs as defined in present law and who utilizes a specialty drug tier to limit any required co-payment or coinsurance applicable to specialty drugs on a specialty tier to an amount not to exceed \$150 per month for each specialty drug up to a 30-day supply of any single drug.

Proposed law specifies that nothing in proposed law requires a health insurance issuer of a health benefit plan to provide coverage for any additional prescription drugs not otherwise provided by law.

Proposed law exempts high deductible health plans or policies that are qualified to be used in conjunction with a health savings account, a medical savings account, or other similar program and the Office of Group Benefits from proposed law.

Effective January 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 22:1060.5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to the original bill

1. Removes the prohibition on payments by an insured of a percentage of the cost of a drug.
2. Removes the prohibition by an insurance issuer to charge a cost-sharing for a prescription drug in excess of 500% of the lowest amount of cost-sharing required by a prescription drug plan.
3. Removes the limits on out-of-pocket expenses.
4. Requires a health insurance issuer of a health benefit plan that covers prescription drugs and utilizes a speciality drug tier to limit any required co-payment or coinsurance applicable to speciality drugs on a speciality tier to an amount not to exceed \$150 per month for each specialty drug up to a 30-day supply of any single drug.
5. Exempts high deductible health plans or policies that are qualified to be used in conjunction with a health savings account, a medical savings account, or other

similar program and the Office of Group Benefits from proposed law.

6. Adds an effective date of January 1, 2015.