

SENATE BILL NO. 545

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1007(I) and to enact R.S. 22:1007(J), relative to substitution
3 of medications; to provide for requirements of provider contracts; to provide for an
4 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1007(I) is hereby amended and reenacted, and R.S. 22:1007(J)
7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1007. Requirements of provider contracts; communications

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10 **I. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any contract or**
11 **agreement between a managed care organization and a health care provider**
12 **shall include provisions that establish the reimbursement of a health care**
13 **provider in an instance in which the managed care organization requests or**
14 **requires substitution of a medication for an enrollee and the provider has**
15 **executed the requested or required substitution. The provisions of this Section**
16 **shall not apply to generic substitution or step therapy programs utilized by the**
17 **managed care organization or its delegated entity that promote generic drugs**
18 **as a first-line therapy.**

19 ~~I.J.~~ Any contract provision, written policy, or written procedure in violation

1 of this Section shall be deemed to be unenforceable and null and void.

2 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2015.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____