AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

(a) During the preceding year, the patient was prescribed and unsuccessfully treated with a preferred drug, whether a brand or generic drug.
(b) The patient has previously been prescribed and obtained prior authorization for the nonpreferred prescribed drug.