

SENATE BILL NO. 77

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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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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.**

