

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 916

TO ENSURE THAT VULNERABLE CITIZENS RECEIVE MEDICATIONS FOR LIFE-ALTERING ILLNESS;
AND TO CREATE THE CONTINUITY OF CARE ACT OF 2013.

Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 916

Amend Senate Bill No. 916 as engrossed, S3/27/13 (version: 03/27/2013 09:04:15 AM):

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23-79-156. Notification of drug formulary changes.

(a)(1) A health benefit plan that provides prescription drug coverage or contracts with a third party for prescription drug services with tiered copayments shall notify an enrollee presently taking a prescription drug, in writing or electronically at the request of the enrollee, at least sixty (60) days before an increase in the enrollees' financial responsibility as a result of a modification by the health benefit plan to the health benefit plan's drug formulary.

(2) Subdivision (a)(1) of this section does not apply to a generic substitution for a prescription drug.

(b) This section does not apply to coverage for a drug that is determined by a pharmacy and a therapeutics committee to be subject to new safety warnings.

SECTION 2. Effective date. Section 1 of this act is effective on and after January 1, 2014."



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
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