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Introduced by Sens. HANNON, LAVALLE, MARTINS, MAZIARZ, ZELDIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to limiting the initial prescription of a controlled substance for the alleviation of acute pain to between a three to ten day supply; and to amend the insurance law, in relation to coverage of such prescriptions

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 3331 of the public health law, as  
2     amended by chapter 965 of the laws of 1974, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     5. (A) No more than a thirty day supply or, pursuant to regulations of  
5     the commissioner enumerating conditions warranting specified greater  
6     supplies, no more than a three month supply of a schedule II, III or IV  
7     substance, as determined by the directed dosage and frequency of dosage,  
8     may be dispensed by an authorized practitioner at one time.  
9     (B) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVI-  
10    SION, AN AUTHORIZED PRACTITIONER, WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS OR HER PROFES-  
11    SIONAL OPINION OR DISCRETION, MAY DISPENSE OR PRESCRIBE NO MORE THAN  
12    BETWEEN A THREE AND TEN DAY SUPPLY OF ANY SCHEDULE II OR III CONTROLLED  
13    SUBSTANCE TO AN ULTIMATE USER UPON THE INITIAL CONSULTATION OR TREATMENT  
14    OF SUCH USER FOR ACUTE PAIN. THEREAFTER, THE DISPENSING AND PRESCRIBING  
15    OF THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARA-  
16    GRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION.  
17    (C) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "ACUTE PAIN" MEANS PAIN,  
18    WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR INTENTIONAL, THAT LASTS ONLY A SHORT OR FINITE

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 PERIOD OF TIME. SUCH TERM SHALL NOT INCLUDE CHRONIC PAIN, CANCER PAIN OR  
2 PALLIATIVE CARE PRACTICES.

3 S 2. Subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law is amended by  
4 adding a new paragraph 30 to read as follows:

5 (30) NO POLICY DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THIS STATE WHICH  
6 PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND WHICH PROVIDES FOR COPAY-  
7 MENTS BY COVERED PERSONS, SHALL IMPOSE UPON ANY COVERED PERSON, WHO IS  
8 PRESCRIBED A LIMITED AMOUNT OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG FOR ACUTE PAIN IN  
9 ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION  
10 THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, AN ADDITIONAL  
11 COPAYMENT IF AN AUTHORIZED PRESCRIBER, WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS OR HER  
12 PROFESSIONAL OPINION, PRESCRIBES AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF A PRESCRIPTION  
13 DRUG FOR ACUTE PAIN, AS DEFINED IN SUCH SUBDIVISION. THIS LIMITATION  
14 SHALL APPLY ONLY TO THE AMOUNT OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG CONSTITUTING A THIR-  
15 TY DAY SUPPLY, INCLUDING THE LIMITED SUPPLY PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUCH  
16 PARAGRAPH.

17 S 3. Subsection (k) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by  
18 adding a new paragraph 19 to read as follows:

19 (19) NO GROUP OR BLANKET POLICY DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN  
20 THE STATE WHICH PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND WHICH  
21 PROVIDES FOR COPAYMENTS BY COVERED PERSONS, SHALL IMPOSE UPON ANY  
22 COVERED PERSON, WHO IS PRESCRIBED A LIMITED AMOUNT OF A PRESCRIPTION  
23 DRUG FOR ACUTE PAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION FIVE  
24 OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, AN  
25 ADDITIONAL COPAYMENT IF AN AUTHORIZED PRESCRIBER, WITHIN THE SCOPE OF  
26 HIS OR HER PROFESSIONAL OPINION, PRESCRIBES AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF A  
27 PRESCRIPTION DRUG FOR ACUTE PAIN, AS DEFINED IN SUCH SUBDIVISION. THIS  
28 LIMITATION SHALL APPLY ONLY TO THE AMOUNT OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG CONSTI-  
29 TUTING A THIRTY DAY SUPPLY, INCLUDING THE LIMITED SUPPLY PROVIDED PURSU-  
30 ANT TO SUCH PARAGRAPH.

31 S 4. Section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new  
32 subsection (oo) to read as follows:

33 (OO) NO MEDICAL EXPENSE INDEMNITY CORPORATION, HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPO-  
34 RATION OR HEALTH SERVICE CORPORATION WHICH PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR  
35 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND WHICH PROVIDES FOR COPAYMENTS BY COVERED PERSONS,  
36 SHALL IMPOSE UPON ANY COVERED PERSON, WHO IS PRESCRIBED A LIMITED AMOUNT  
37 OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG FOR ACUTE PAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (B)  
38 OF SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE OF THE  
39 PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, AN ADDITIONAL COPAYMENT IF AN AUTHORIZED PRESCRIBER,  
40 WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS OR HER PROFESSIONAL OPINION, PRESCRIBES AN ADDI-  
41 TIONAL AMOUNT OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG FOR ACUTE PAIN, AS DEFINED IN SUCH  
42 SUBDIVISION. THIS LIMITATION SHALL APPLY ONLY TO THE AMOUNT OF  
43 PRESCRIPTION DRUG CONSTITUTING A THIRTY DAY SUPPLY, INCLUDING THE LIMIT-  
44 ED SUPPLY PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUCH PARAGRAPH.

45 S 5. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
46 have become a law.