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Introduced by M. of A. MURRAY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to prohibiting insurance companies from imposing a co-pay pursuant to a follow up visit with a physician in order to receive a refill on an opioid drug prescription

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

Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new paragraph 33 to read as follows:

(33) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR OPIOID DRUG PRESCRIPTIONS SHALL NOT IMPOSE ANY FEE, CO-PAYMENT, CO-INSURANCE, DEDUCTIBLE OR OTHER CONDITION ON ANY INSURED WHO REQUIRES A FOLLOW UP APPOINTMENT TO RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL OPIOID DRUG PRESCRIPTION OR A REFILL OF AN OPIOID DRUG PRESCRIPTION AFTER AN INITIAL PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCH OPIOID DRUG PRESCRIPTION WHICH WAS WRITTEN FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE DAYS OR LESS. SUCH PROHIBITION ON ANY FEE, CO-PAYMENT, CO-INSURANCE, DEDUCTIBLE OR OTHER CONDITION IS LIMITED TO ONE VISIT OR ONE REFILL AFTER THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT OR PRESCRIPTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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