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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to coverage of prescriptions obtained by mail order or at a non-retail pharmacy

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The opening paragraph of paragraph 28 of subsection (i) of
2 section 3216 of the insurance law, is designated subparagraph (A) and a
3 new subparagraph (B) is added to read as follows:

4 (B) Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, if a pres-
5 criber, after consulting with the insurer regarding the appropriateness
6 of mail order delivery given: (i) the residence or delivery location of
7 the insured; (ii) the medical condition of the insured; (iii) the stor-
8 age requirements of the drug; (iv) the availability of the insured to
9 receive the prescription; or (v) the insured's ability to comprehend
10 pharmaceutical guidance and support over the telephone, determines that
11 a drug as prescribed on an individual basis is most appropriately filled
12 at a retail location, provided that an in-network retail pharmacy of the
13 patient's choosing agrees to the same reimbursement amount and is able
14 to fill the prescription, the prescriber's determination shall be final.

15 § 2. Paragraph 18 of subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance
16 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (C) to read as follows:

17 (C) Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, if a pres-
18 criber, after consulting with the insurer regarding the appropriateness
19 of mail order delivery given: (i) the residence or delivery location of
20 the insured; (ii) the medical condition of the insured; (iii) the stor-
21 age requirements of the drug; (iv) the availability of the insured to
22 receive the prescription; or (v) the insured's ability to comprehend
23 pharmaceutical guidance and support over the telephone, determines that
24 a drug as prescribed on an individual basis is most appropriately filled
25 at a retail location, provided that an in-network retail pharmacy of the

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

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2 to fill the prescription, the prescriber's determination shall be final.

3 § 3. Subsection (kk) of section 4303 of the insurance law is amended
4 by adding a new paragraph 3 to read as follows:

5 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, if a pres-
6 criber, after consulting with the insurer regarding the appropriateness
7 of mail order delivery given: (A) the residence or delivery location of
8 the covered person; (B) the medical condition of the covered person; (C)
9 the storage requirements of the drug; (D) the availability of the
10 covered person to receive the prescription; or (E) the covered person's
11 ability to comprehend pharmaceutical guidance and support over the tele-
12 phone, determines that a drug as prescribed on an individual basis is
13 most appropriately filled at a retail location, provided that an in-net-
14 work retail pharmacy of the patient's choosing agrees to the same
15 reimbursement amount and is able to fill the prescription, the
16 prescriber's determination shall be final.

17 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.