

Amend SB 697 (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, between added Sections 1369.452 and 1369.453, Insurance Code (page 2, lines 15-16), insert the following:

Sec. 1369.453. APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN MEDICATIONS. This subchapter applies with respect to only a medication that:

(1) is covered by the enrollee's health benefit plan;  
(2) meets the prior authorization criteria specifically applicable to the medication under the health benefit plan on the date the request for synchronization is made;

(3) is used for treatment and management of a chronic illness, as that term is defined by Section 1369.456;

(4) may be prescribed with refills;

(5) is a formulation that can be effectively dispensed in accordance with the medication synchronization plan described by Section 1369.456; and

(6) is not, according to the schedules established by the commissioner of the Department of State Health Services under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code:

(A) a Schedule II controlled substance; or

(B) a Schedule III controlled substance containing hydrocodone.

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 1369.453(a), Insurance Code (page 2, line 18), between "for" and "a", insert "a partial supply of".

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 1369.453(a), Insurance Code (page 2, lines 19-20), strike "dispensed in a quantity that is less than a 30 days' supply".

(4) Renumber the sections added by the bill to Chapter 1369, Insurance Code, and any cross-references to those sections appropriately.