

SENATE BILL No. 72

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 27-8.

Synopsis: Coverage for pharmacist care. Requires an accident and sickness insurer that enters into a preferred provider agreement to: (1) reimburse for health care service provided by a pharmacist within the scope of practice to the same extent and in the same manner as the insurer would reimburse certain other health care providers (reimbursement); and (2) demonstrate an adequate number of pharmacists within a reasonable proximity to insureds. Requires a preferred provider agreement to provide for the reimbursement.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

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January 3, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.



First Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2017)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 27-8-6-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2017]: **Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section, "policy of accident and
4 sickness insurance" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-8-5-1.**
5 **(b) An insurer that issues a policy of accident and sickness
6 insurance shall do the following:**
7 **(1) Reimburse for a health care service that is:**
8 **(A) covered under the policy of accident and sickness
9 insurance; and**
10 **(B) rendered by a pharmacist:**
11 **(i) within the scope of the pharmacist's license under
12 IC 25-26; and**
13 **(ii) under an agreement with the insurer under
14 IC 27-8-11-3.**
15 **(2) Reimburse for the health care service described in
16 subdivision (1) to the same extent and in the same manner as
17 the insurer would reimburse if the health care service were**



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rendered:

(A) by a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5, an advanced practice nurse licensed under IC 25-23, or a physician assistant licensed under IC 25-27.5 within the scope of the physician's, advanced practice nurse's, or physician assistant's license; and

(B) under an agreement with the insurer under IC 27-8-11-3.

SECTION 2. IC 27-8-11-3.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 3.2. An agreement entered into under section 3 of this chapter related to the terms and conditions of reimbursement for pharmaceutical services or products must provide for the reimbursement required by IC 27-8-6-7.**

SECTION 3. IC 27-8-11-3.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 3.3. (a) This section applies to an insurer that:**

(1) provides coverage for pharmaceutical services or products; and

(2) enters into agreements with providers as described in section 3 of this chapter.

(b) An insurer shall demonstrate to the department of insurance that the insurer offers an adequate number of individual pharmacists:

(1) whose health care services are covered by an agreement described in subsection (a); and

(2) who are located within a reasonable proximity to insureds covered by policies issued by the insurer.

