

March 14, 2007

H 748. INSURERS/COVER RX IN EMERGENCIES (=S 712). Filed 3/14/07. *TO REQUIRE INSURERS TO COVER EXTRA PRESCRIPTIONS DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY OR DISASTER.*

Identical to S 712, filed 3/13/07.

Intro. by Glazier.

GS 58

May 2, 2007

H 748. INSURERS/COVER RX IN EMERGENCIES. Filed 3/14/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Modifies proposed GS 58-3-228 to remove the reference to the Teachers' and State Employees Comprehensive Major Medical Plan and other plans and programs under Part 2 of Article 3 of GS Chapter 135. Requires a procedure to be put in place to waive time restrictions on filling or refilling prescriptions, including a provision for paying the pharmacy in accordance with the prescription plan and pharmacy provider agreement. Also provides that the procedure is to be put in place once specified conditions are met and if it is requested by the covered person or subscriber. The Commissioner of Insurance must have issued a Bulletin Advisory notifying all insurance carriers licensed in the state of a declared state of disaster or state of emergency before entities subject to the statute must authorize payment to pharmacies for prescriptions dispensed under a waiver of time restrictions on filling prescriptions. Provides that a covered person may not request a refill if the person resides in a county that has activated its emergency operations center and its emergency management plan. Clarifies that additional refills still remaining on a prescription must be covered by the insurer (was, by the entities subject to this statute) as long as it is consistent with the prescriber's orders or the pharmacy's authority. Requires quantity limitations to be consistent with the original prescription and allows the replacement or extra fill to recognize proportionate dosage use prior to the disaster. Prohibits requirements additional to those under the pharmacy provider agreement or the prescription plan to be placed upon the provider for coverage of the replacement or extra fill. Makes technical changes. Makes conforming title change.

May 7, 2007

H 748. INSURERS/COVER RX IN EMERGENCIES. Filed 3/14/07. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Reinstates references in proposed GS 58-3-228 to the Teachers' and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical plan and optional plans or programs operating under Part 2 of Article 3 of GS Chapter 135.

June 29, 2007

SL 2007-133 (H 748). INSURERS/COVER RX IN EMERGENCIES. AN ACT TO COVER EXTRA PRESCRIPTIONS DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY OR DISASTER. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/14/07, 5/2/07, and 5/7/07. Enacted June 27, 2007. Effective June 27, 2007.