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1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

- A. "Off-label use" means the prescription and use of drugs for indications other than those stated in the labeling approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration. [1997, c. 701, §2 (NEW).]
- B. "Peer-reviewed medical literature" means scientific studies published in at least 2 articles from major peer-reviewed medical journals that present data that supports the proposed off-label use as generally safe and effective. [1997, c. 701, §2 (NEW).]
- C. "Standard reference compendia" means:
 - (1) The United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information or information published by its successor organization; or
 - (2) The American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information or information published by its successor organization. [1997, c. 701, §2 (NEW).]

[1997, c. 701, §2 (NEW) .]

2. Required coverage for off-label use. All individual insurance policies and contracts that provide coverage for prescription drugs must provide coverage for off-label use in accordance with the following.

- A. Individual insurance policies and contracts that provide coverage for prescription drugs may not exclude coverage for any such drug used for the treatment of HIV or AIDS on the grounds that the drug has not been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for that indication, as long as that drug is recognized for the treatment of that indication in one of the standard reference compendia or in peer-reviewed medical literature. [1997, c. 701, §2 (NEW).]
- B. Coverage of a drug required by this subsection also includes medically necessary services associated with the administration of the drug. [1997, c. 701, §2 (NEW).]
- C. This subsection may not be construed to require coverage for a drug when the federal Food and Drug Administration has determined its use to be contraindicated for treatment of the current indication. [1997, c. 701, §2 (NEW).]
- D. A drug use that is covered pursuant to paragraph A may not be denied coverage based on a "medical necessity" requirement except for a reason that is unrelated to the legal status of the drug use. [1997, c. 701, §2 (NEW).]
- E. A contract that provides coverage of a drug as required by this subsection may contain provisions for maximum benefits and coinsurance and reasonable limitations, deductibles and exclusions to the same extent that these provisions are applicable to coverage of all prescription drugs and are not inconsistent with the requirements of this subsection. [1997, c. 701, §2 (NEW).]

[1997, c. 701, §2 (NEW) .]

3. Application. The requirements of this section apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 1999. For purposes of this section, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

[1997, c. 701, §2 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1997, c. 701, §2 (NEW) .

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