

AN ACT

D.C. ACT 21-664

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FEBRUARY 10, 2017

To impose a limit on the amount that a person must pay in copayment or coinsurance through a health benefit plan for a prescription for a specialty drug.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Specialty Drug Copayment Limitation Act of 2016".

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term:

(1) "Class of drugs" means a group of medications having similar actions designed to treat a particular disease process.

(2) "Coinsurance" means a cost-sharing amount set as a percentage of the total cost of a drug.

(3) "Copayment" means a cost-sharing amount set as a dollar value.

(4)(A) "Health benefit plan" means a policy, contract, certificate, or agreement offered or issued by a health carrier to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the costs of health care services.

(B) The term "health benefit plan" does not include:

(i) Coverage only for accident or disability income insurance, or any combination thereof;

(ii) Liability insurance, including general liability insurance and automobile liability insurance;

(iii) Coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance;

(iv) Workers' compensation or similar insurance;

(v) Automobile medical payment insurance;

(vi) Credit-only insurance;

(vii) Coverage for on-site medical clinics; or

(viii) Other similar insurance coverage specified in federal regulations issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, approved August 21, 1996 (110 Stat. 1936; scattered sections of the United States Code) ("HIPAA"), under which benefits for health care services are secondary or incidental to other insurance benefits.