

PROPOSED  
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2449  
(Reference to House engrossed bill)

- 1 Page 1, line 29, after the period strike remainder of line  
2 Line 30, strike "MENTAL DISORDER ARE" insert "AN ANTIPSYCHOTIC OR  
3 ANTIDEPRESSANT PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRESCRIBED TO A MEMBER WHO IS AT LEAST  
4 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE THAT IS USED TO TREAT A MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER OR A  
5 MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION, FOR WHICH SUCH PRESCRIPTION DRUG IS APPROVED BY  
6 THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AS DESCRIBED ON THE  
7 PRESCRIPTION DRUG'S APPROVED LABELING, IS"  
8 Line 31, after "MAY" insert "ONLY"  
9 Line 33, strike "BY THE"  
10 Strike line 34  
11 Line 35, strike "EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE"  
12 Strike lines 36 through 45  
13 Page 2, strike lines 1 and 2  
14 Reletter to conform  
15 Between lines 7 and 8, insert:  
16 "(c) THE MEDICATION IS PRESCRIBED BY EITHER A PSYCHIATRIST OR A  
17 PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER OR OTHER QUALIFIED  
18 PROVIDER AS AUTHORIZED BY SYSTEM RULES, EXCEPT IN CASES RELATING TO  
19 MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH WHERE THE MEDICATIONS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY AN  
20 OBSTETRICIAN AND GYNECOLOGIST, PSYCHIATRIST OR PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTAL  
21 HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER."  
22 Page 6, between lines 22 and 23, insert:  
23 "2. "PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER" HAS THE SAME  
24 MEANING PRESCRIBED IN 36-501.

1           3. "PSYCHIATRIST" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION  
2       36-501."

3 Renumber to conform

4 Page 6, strike lines 27 through 45

5 Page 7, strike lines 1 through 12, insert:

6           "Sec. 2. Title 36, chapter 29, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
7       is amended by adding section 36-2907.16, to read:

8           36-2907.16. Mental health medications; report

9           ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026 AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE  
10       ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
11       REPRESENTATIVES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE  
12       APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
13       OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AND THE DIRECTORS OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE  
14       BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND  
15       BUDGETING, AND A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE,  
16       THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

17           1. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEDICATION CLAIMS THAT WERE NOT SUBJECT TO  
18       PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OR STEP-THERAPY PROTOCOLS PRESCRIBED TO MEMBERS IN  
19       ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 36-2907, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 4 DURING THE  
20       PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

21           2. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS THAT WERE PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS THAT  
22       WERE NOT SUBJECT TO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OR STEP-THERAPY PROTOCOLS IN  
23       ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 36-2907, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 4 DURING THE  
24       PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

25           3. THE AGGREGATE GROSS TOTAL AMOUNT PAID BY THE SYSTEM RELATED TO  
26       MEDICATIONS PRESCRIBED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 36-2907, SUBSECTION A,  
27       PARAGRAPH 4 DURING THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

28           4. THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL REBATES RECEIVED RELATED TO  
29       MEDICATIONS PRESCRIBED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 36-2907, SUBSECTION A,  
30       PARAGRAPH 4 DURING THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

1           5. THE AGGREGATE SAVINGS FROM REDUCED HOSPITALIZATIONS, INPATIENT  
2 TREATMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEDICATIONS PRESCRIBED IN  
3 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 36-2907, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 4 DURING THE  
4 PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

5           Sec. 3. Legislative intent

6           The legislature intends for the realized savings associated with the  
7 changes to section 36-2907, subsection A, paragraph 4, Arizona Revised  
8 Statutes, as amended by this act, be prioritized for enhancing services,  
9 including housing, for persons who have a serious mental illness and who  
10 are not eligible to receive services through the Arizona health care cost  
11 containment system."

12 Renumber to conform

13 Amend title to conform

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