

59 58-37-2.

60 (d) "Prescribing policy" means a policy developed by a health insurer that includes
 61 evidence based guidelines for prescribing opioids, and may include the 2016 Center for Disease
 62 Control Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain, or the 2016 Utah Opioid
 63 Prescribing Guidelines.

64 (2) A health insurer that provides prescription drug coverage shall enact a prescribing
 65 policy to minimize the risk of opioid addiction and overdose from:

- 66 (a) co-prescription of opioids with benzodiazapines and other sedating substances;
- 67 (b) prescription of very high dose opioids in the primary care setting; and
- 68 (c) the inadvertent transition of short-term opioids for an acute injury into long-term
 69 opioid ~~dependence~~ **dependence** .

70 (3) A health insurer that provides prescription drug coverage shall enact policies to
 71 facilitate:

- 72 (a) non-narcotic treatment alternatives for patients who have chronic pain; and
- 73 (b) medication-assisted treatment for patients who have opioid dependence disorder.

74 (4) The requirements of this section apply to insurance plans entered into or renewed
 75 on or after July 1, 2017.

76 (5) A health insurer subject to this section shall on or before October 1, 2018, and
 77 before each October 1 thereafter, report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee
 78 regarding ~~the~~ **the** :

79 ~~the~~ **the** health insurer's opioid policies as described in Subsections (2) and (3) ~~the~~ **the** :
 79a **and**

80 ~~the health insurer's analysis of whether the prescribing policy has been effective in~~
 81 ~~reducing the risk of opioid addictions and overdoses] ~~the~~ **the** .~~

82 (5) This section sunsets in accordance with Section 63I-1-231.

83 Section 3. Section ~~34A-2-424~~ is enacted to read:

84 **34A-2-424. Prescribing policies for certain opioid prescriptions.**

85 (1) This section applies to a person regulated by this chapter or Chapter 3, Utah
 86 Occupational Disease Act.

87 (2) A self-insured employer, as that term is defined in Section 34A-2-201.5, an
 88 insurance carrier, and a managed health care program under Section 34A-2-111 shall
 89 implement a prescribing policy for certain opioid prescriptions in accordance with Section