

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB442**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 04, 2019  
**Committee On:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
**Introducer:** McCollister  
**One Liner:** Require insurance coverage for synchronizing prescription medications

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Gragert, Howard, Kolterman, La Grone, Lindstrom,  
McCollister, Quick, Williams

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator John McCollister  
Jim Otto  
Eric Dunning  
Bob Hallstrom  
April Davidson  
Robert Lassen  
Nick Faustman  
Korby Gilbertson

**Representing:**

Introducer  
NE Retail Federation, NE Grocery Industry Association  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska  
NE Pharmacists Association  
Walgreens  
AARP, NE Pharmacists Association  
American Cancer Society  
NE Association of Health Underwriters

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

This bill would enact a new section to provide that individual or group sickness and accident insurance policies, certificates, or subscriber contracts, and self-funded employee benefit plans to extent not preempted by federal law that provide coverage for prescription medications shall apply a prorated daily cost-sharing rate to prescriptions that are dispensed by a network pharmacy for a partial supply if the prescribing practitioner or pharmacist determines the fill or refill to be in the best interest of the patient and the patient requests or agrees to a partial supply for the purpose of synchronizing the patient's medications.

The bill would define "synchronizing the patient's medication" as the coordination of medications for a patient who has been prescribed two or more medications for one or more chronic conditions so that the patient's medications are refilled on the same schedule for a given time period.

The bill would provide that a policy, certificate, contract, or plan provider shall not use payment structures incorporating prorated dispensing fees, and that dispensing fees for partially filled or refilled prescriptions shall be paid in full for each prescription dispensed, regardless of any prorated daily cost-sharing for the beneficiary or fee paid for alignment

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Matt Williams, Chairperson