

## HOUSE BILL 684:

This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

## Prescription Eye Drop Early Refill Coverage.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee: House Insurance. If favorable, re-refer to Date: April 25, 2023

Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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Analysis of: First Edition Committee Co-Counsel

OVERVIEW: House Bill 684 would require health benefit plans that provide coverage for prescription eye drops to cover early refills under certain conditions.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 684 would require every health benefit plan offered by an insurer in this State providing coverage for prescription eye drops to cover a refill if both of the following conditions are met:

- For a thirty-day supply, the refill is requested after either the passage of a sufficient amount of time that the patient should have used 70% of the dosage units according to the health care provider's instructions, or 21 days after the most recent refill was distributed to the patient.
- The requested refill does not exceed the number of additional quantities of eye drops needed by the patient as indicated on the original prescription.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act becomes effective October 1, 2023, and applies to contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

