

Senate Bill 486

By: Senators Gingrey of the 37th, Thomas of the 54th, Price of the 56th, Hecht of the 34th and Tanksley of the 32nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 20A of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 managed health care plans, so as to prohibit a managed health care entity from limiting the
3 quantity of a prescription ordered by a health care provider that may be dispensed by a
4 pharmacist; to provide for a patient to request and a pharmacist to dispense a lesser amount
5 than ordered; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 20A of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to managed
10 health care plans, is amended by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (1) and by striking
11 the period at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting "; and" at the end of Code Section
12 33-20A-9, relating to emergency services requirements and restrictive formulary
13 requirements, and by adding a new paragraph (3) to read as follows:

14 "(3) When a health care provider has ordered a specific quantity of a drug, no managed
15 care entity or private health benefit plan shall limit a pharmacist from dispensing at one
16 time the exact quantity of such drug ordered by the prescriber so long as the order is for
17 no more than a three-month supply of such drug; provided, however, nothing shall
18 prevent a patient from requesting a lesser amount of such drug and the pharmacist from
19 dispensing the lesser amount requested."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.