

Senate Bill 544

By: Senator Balfour of the 9th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 33-30-4.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 utilization of mail-order pharmaceutical distributors in policies, plans, contracts, or funds,
3 so as to permit a health maintenance organization to utilize a licensed Georgia pharmacy that
4 is owned and operated by such health maintenance organization to distribute refills of
5 prescription drugs by mail or other common carrier for its enrollees only; to provide for
6 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 33-30-4.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to utilization of
10 mail-order pharmaceutical distributors in policies, plans, contracts, or funds, is amended by
11 adding a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

12 "(f) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a health maintenance
13 organization may utilize a licensed Georgia pharmacy that is owned and operated by such
14 health maintenance organization to distribute refills of prescription drugs by mail or other
15 common carrier for its enrollees only. Such refills shall be provided under such terms and
16 conditions as contained in such health maintenance organization's health benefit plan.
17 Enrollees of the health maintenance organization may also refill such prescription drugs
18 at such pharmacies in person."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.