HOUSE BILL No. 2388

By Committee on Insurance and Pensions

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AN ACT concerning pharmacy and pharmacists; pertaining to the scope of practice thereof; requiring that health benefit plans cover certain professional services when performed by a licensed pharmacist.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Any health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, amended or renewed on or after January 1, 2022, and that provides hospital, medical or surgical expense benefits shall provide coverage for any professional service performed by a pharmacist licensed under K.S.A. 65-1631, and amendments thereto, if:

- (1) The professional service performed was within the practice of pharmacy, as defined by K.S.A. 65-1626a, and amendments thereto;
- (2) the health benefit plan would have provided benefits if the professional service had been provided by a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1131, and amendments thereto, or a physician assistant, licensed pursuant to K.S.A. 65-28a04, and amendments thereto; and
- (3) the pharmacist is included in the health benefit plan's network of participating providers.
 - (b) As used in this section:
- (1) "Advanced practice nurse practitioner" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 65-1131, and amendments thereto;
- (2) "Health benefit plan" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 40-24 4602, and amendments thereto;
 - (3) "physician" means an individual licensed to practice medicine and surgery in this state:
 - (3) "physician assistant" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 65-28a02, and amendments thereto; and
- 29 (4) "professional service" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 2020 30 Supp. 40-3401, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 31 32 publication in the statute book.