

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Authorized and requested the Department of Insurance to create a task force to study the feasibility of forming an independent review board to assist cancer patients and healthcare providers with prior authorization processes that do not comply with the Cancer Patient's Right to Prompt Coverage Act.

Provided for membership, chairmanship, and designee appointments.

Provided that in conducting the study, the task force shall:

- (1) Make a comprehensive, evidence-driven, and patient-centered review of insurers' current prior authorization procedures relative to compliance with the Cancer Patient's Right to Prompt Coverage Act.
- (2) Evaluate possible solutions including but not limited to a comparison of policies, procedures, and best practices used by other states.
- (3) Make recommendations on establishing state resources to oversee and improve the prior authorization process in oncology care.

Provided that names of proposed members of the task force be submitted to the commissioner of insurance by August 1, 2025, and the first meeting of the task force be called by September 15, 2025.

Provided for a quorum. Provided that the task force be subject to the Open Meetings Law and the records of the task force be subject to the Public Records Law.

Provided that a written report of its findings from the study and any recommendations for legislation be submitted no later than December 31, 2025.