
DIGEST

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HB 1154 Engrossed

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Abstract: Prohibits prior authorization requirements for certain generic medications prescribed by qualified physicians relative to commercial insurers and Medicaid managed organizations.

Present law defines certain terms.

Proposed law adds the terms "board-certified physician", "commercial insurer", "generic medication", and "prior authorization", and otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law prohibits commercial insurers from requiring a prior authorization for generic medications that are not opioids when prescribed by a board-certified physician whose specialty certification includes the medical indication for which the drug is prescribed and the wholesale acquisition cost is no more than \$250 per prescription.

Proposed law prohibits Medicaid managed care organizations from requiring a prior authorization for certain generic medications when prescribed by a board-certified physician or authorized provider whose specialty certification includes the medical indication for which the drug is prescribed.

Proposed law clarifies that the terms used in proposed law have the same meaning as provided for in proposed law.

Proposed law applies to any new policy, contract, health coverage plan, or Medicaid managed care issued on and after January 1, 2027. Proposed law applies to any policy, contract, health coverage plan, or Medicaid managed care in effect prior to January 1, 2027, shall convert to conform to the provisions of this proposed law on or before the renewal date, but no later than January 1, 2028.

(Adds R.S. 22:1060.1(9)-(12) and 1060.9 and R.S. 46:153.3.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

1. Adds to the commercial insurer prohibition that generic medications that are not opioids do not require a prior authorization when prescribed and the wholesale acquisition cost is no more than \$250 per prescription.
2. Prohibit Medicaid managed care organizations from requiring a prior authorization for

generic medications when prescribed by an authorized provider whose specialty certification includes the medical indication for which the drug is prescribed.

3. Make technical changes.