
DIGEST

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HB 1154 Re-Reengrossed

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Abstract: Prohibits commercial insurers from requiring prior authorizations for certain generic medications when prescribed by qualified physicians or authorized providers.

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 or authorized provider 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 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, or health coverage plan issued on and after Jan. 1, 2027. Proposed law requires any policy, contract, or health coverage plan in effect prior to Jan. 1, 2027, to convert to conform to the provisions of proposed law on or before the renewal date, but no later than Jan. 1, 2028.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Add 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.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove Medicaid managed care organizations from proposed law.
2. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the reengrossed bill:

1. Add authorized providers to the prior authorization requirement prohibition.