
The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Horne.

DIGEST

Murray (SB 154)

Present law provides that any health care coverage plan which is issued for delivery, delivered, renewed, or otherwise contracted for in this state on or after January 1, 2011, shall provide coverage for step therapy or fail first protocols.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that any health care coverage plan which includes prescription benefits as part of its policy or contract, which utilizes step therapy or fail first protocols, comply with the provisions of law.

Present law provides that when medications for the treatment of any medical condition are restricted for use by an insurer by a step therapy or fail first protocol, the prescribing physician shall have access to a clear and convenient process to request an override of the restriction. Further provides that an override of such restriction shall be expeditiously considered by the insurer under certain circumstances.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that an override of such restriction shall be expeditiously granted by the insurer under certain circumstances.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 22:1053(A)(B) and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to the original bill.

1. Requires an override of a restriction for step therapy or fail first protocol be granted by the insurer under certain circumstances.