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Introduced by Representative Conquest of Newbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; health insurance; prior authorization

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to eliminate prior authorization requirements in health insurance plans for radiology and imaging services, prescription drugs, and referrals to specialists.

An act relating to eliminating certain prior authorization requirements

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 9418b is amended to read:

§ 9418b. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

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(c) ~~A health plan shall furnish, upon request from a health care provider, a current list of services and supplies requiring prior authorization.~~ A health plan shall not require prior authorization for radiology and imaging services, prescription drugs, or referrals to specialists.

(d) A health plan shall furnish, upon request from a health care provider, a current list of services and supplies requiring prior authorization and shall post

1 a current list of the services and supplies ~~requiring prior authorization to~~ on the  
2 insurer's website.

3 \* \* \*

4 (g)(1)(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on and  
5 after March 1, 2014, when requiring prior authorization for ~~prescription drugs,~~  
6 medical procedures, and medical tests other than radiology and imaging  
7 services, a health plan shall accept for each prior authorization request either:

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9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on October 1, 2017 and shall apply to health  
11 insurance plans on or after October 1, 2017 on such date as a health insurer  
12 issues, offers, or renews the health insurance plan, but in no event later than  
13 October 1, 2018.