

DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW

18 VSA § 9418b Prior authorization

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(4) (A) No later than July 1, 2020, each health plan in Vermont shall implement a program to automatically exempt all health care providers who over a 12-month period have prior authorization approval rates of 90% or greater from the prior authorization process for medical procedures and medical tests, including imaging.

(B) Health plans shall make electronically available, including on a publicly-available website, details regarding the program, including how health care providers will be informed that they are eligible, the procedures and tests exempted if a provider qualifies, the numbers of health care providers and their specialties qualifying for the exemption through the program, and how to appeal eligibility for the program.

Sec 3. 33 VSA § 1999. Consumer protection rules; prior authorization is amended to read:

33 VSA § 1999

(e)(1) The prior authorization process shall be designed to minimize administrative burdens on prescribers, pharmacists, and consumers. The provisions of this section shall apply to the Program's prior authorization process.

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(f) (1) The Program's prior authorization process shall require that the prescriber, not the pharmacy, request a prior authorization exemption to the requirements of this section. No later than December 31, 2004, the Commissioner shall create a ~~pilot~~ program designed to exempt a prescriber from the prior authorization requirement of the preferred drug list program if the Program determines that the prescriber has met compliance standards established by the Department in consultation with the Drug Utilization Review Board. This exemption does not apply to drugs that require prior authorization for clinical reasons.

(2) No later than July 1, 2020, the Program shall implement a program to automatically exempt all health care providers who over a 12-month period have prior authorization approval rates of 90% or greater from the prior authorization process for medical procedures and medical tests, including imaging.