

H.766 – inhaler prior authorization language for SH&W consideration

Sec. __. 8 V.S.A. § 4089i is amended to read:

§ 4089i. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

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(i) A health insurance or other health benefit plan offered by a health insurer or by a pharmacy benefit manager on behalf of a health insurer shall cover, for beneficiaries under 18 years of age and without requiring prior authorization, at least one readily available asthma controller medication from each class of medication and mode of administration that is clinically, developmentally, and age appropriate for each age of beneficiary under 18 years of age. As used in this subsection, “readily available” means that the medication is not listed on a national drug shortage list, including lists maintained by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

(j) As used in this section:

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~~(j)~~(k) The Department of Financial Regulation shall enforce this section and may adopt rules as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.