



protocol override request within 72 hours of receipt. Proposed law provides that in exigent circumstances, the health coverage plan shall approve or deny a step therapy or fail first protocol override request within 24 hours of receipt. Proposed law provides that failure by a health coverage plan to comply with the timelines in proposed law shall cause the override request to be considered approved.

Proposed law provides that if a health coverage plan denies an override request, the health coverage plan shall provide the prescribing practitioner and the patient with a reason for the denial, an alternative covered medication, and information regarding the procedure for submitting an appeal to the denial.

Proposed law provides definitions for health coverage plan and stage-four advanced, metastatic cancer.

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