
DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 839 Engrossed

2024 Regular Session

Hebert

Abstract: Provides insurance coverage relative to step therapy or fail first protocols.

Present law generally provides certain requirements for health coverage plans using step therapy or fail first protocols. Provides a process for prescribing physicians to request an override of a health coverage plan's restrictions. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law prohibits a health coverage plan from subjecting a prescription or order for a ventilator to any step therapy or fail first protocol when either of the following applies:

- (1) The ventilator requires frequent or substantial servicing, as classified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and described in present law (R.S. 22:1821(G)).
- (2) There is clinical evidence or patient history that suggests the alternative treatments required under the protocol will be less effective or cause an adverse reaction to the patient.

Proposed law makes technical changes to citations in present law.

(Amends R.S. 22:1053(A)(1) and (L); Adds R.S. 22:1053(M))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

1. Remove proposed law language to exclusively apply proposed law to ventilators that meet certain criteria. Prohibit a health coverage plan from subjecting a prescription or order for such ventilators to any step therapy or fail first protocol.
2. Make technical changes.