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Present law provides certain requirements for implementation of step therapy or fail first protocols used by any commercial health coverage plan.

Present law requires health coverage plans that restrict medications through step therapy or fail first protocol to have a process for the prescribing practitioner to request to override the restriction if certain criteria is met.

Proposed law adds that the prescribing practitioner can request an override for postpartum depression if the indication for which the prescription drug is required has not been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration as described on the prescription drug's approved label.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 22:1053(C)(6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Deletes the prohibitions against health coverage plans and managed care organizations using step therapy or first fail protocol for the treatment of postpartum depression.
2. Deletes the requirement for health coverage plans and managed care organizations to cover screening for postpartum depression or related mental health disorders.
3. Deletes provisions regarding effectiveness.
4. Adds requirement that a prescribing practitioner can request an override for postpartum depression if certain conditions are met.