

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing 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.

New law retains existing law and 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 existing 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.

New law changes citations of existing law.

Effective August 1, 2024.

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