

Subject Step Therapy Prohibition for Metastatic Cancer

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Overview

This bill prohibits the use of step therapy protocols when treating stage four advanced metastatic cancer, if the drug to be used for treatment meets specified criteria.

Summary

| Section | Description |
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| 1 | <p>Prohibition on use of step therapy for metastatic cancer. Adds § 62Q.1841.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines the following terms: health plan, stage four metastatic cancer, and step therapy protocol.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Prohibition on use of step therapy protocols. Prohibits a health plan that provides coverage for the treatment of stage four advanced metastatic cancer or associated conditions from limiting or excluding coverage for a drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that is on the plan's formulary, by mandating that the enrollees follow a step therapy protocol, if the use of the approved drug is consistent with: (1) a FDA-approved indication; or (2) peer reviewed medical literature.</p> <p>States that the section is effective January 1, 2020, and applies to health plans offered, issued, or renewed on or after that date.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Prior authorization. Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 13f. Requires any step therapy protocol requirements established by the Commissioner of Human Services to comply with section 62Q.1841. Provides a January 1, 2020, effective date.</p> |