

Hall of the House of Representatives

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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2867

"AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MEDICAID PROGRAM FROM LIMITING ACCESS TO
MEDICATION TO TREAT ASTHMA ATTACKS OR OTHER RESPIRATORY FAILURE."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2867.

Amend House Bill No. 2867 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 28 through 36 and substitute the following:

"(a) As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Drug Review Committee" means physicians and pharmacists who perform unbiased reviews of drugs to determine which drugs should be recommended for inclusion on the Preferred Drug List maintained by the Division of Medical Services of the Department of Human Services;

(2) "Emergency override" means a process developed by the Division of Medical Services that permits a pharmacist to obtain immediate permission to dispense an emergency supply of a drug prescribed by the treating physician to treat a medical emergency, and for which Medicaid will provide reimbursement;

(3) "Fail-first" means the requirement that a Preferred Drug List drug be utilized prior to the use of a non- Preferred Drug List drug;

(4) "Override" means a process developed by the Division of Medical Services that permits a physician to request review of and seek permission to prescribe a non-PDL drug for which Medicaid will provide reimbursement;

(5) "Preferred Drug List" means a list of drugs within a class of drugs for which Medicaid will provide reimbursement without need of a prior authorization; and

(6) "Unbiased review" means a review by physicians and pharmacists, selected, approved or appointed by the Division of Medical Services, of scientific evidence to determine the comparative effectiveness and safety of healthcare treatments of drugs within a class.

(b) In the event that the Division of Medical Services institutes a fail-first practice or policy for drugs for the treatment of asthma or other respiratory diseases, the division shall provide a process to request an override.

(c) In cases of medical emergencies resulting from asthma or other acute respiratory diseases, the dispensing pharmacist shall seek an emergency override before dispensing the emergency supply of drug or drugs to treat the medical emergency condition."



The Amendment was read _____
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