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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 218

AN ACT TO CREATE A UNIFORM PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM; TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE
INSURERS TO USE A UNIFORM PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM.

Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 218

Amend Senate Bill No. 218 as engrossed, S2/19/13 (version: 02/19/2013 09:20:53 AM)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-420, concerning prior authorization determination protocols, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(j)(1) On and after January 1, 2014, to establish uniformity in the submission of prior authorization forms a health care insurer shall utilize only a single, standardized prior authorization form for obtaining a prior authorization in written or electronic form for prescription drug benefits.

(2) A health care insurer may make the form required under subdivision (j)(1) of this section accessible through multiple computer operating systems.

(3) The prior authorization form required under subdivision (j)(1) of this section shall:

(A) Not exceed two (2) pages; and

(B) Be designed to be submitted electronically from a prescribing provider to a health care insurer.

(4) This subsection does not prohibit a prior authorization by verbal means without a form.

(5) If a health care insurer fails to use or accept the prior authorization form developed under this subsection or fails to respond as soon as reasonably possible but no later than seventy-two (72) hours after receipt of a completed prior authorization request using the form developed under this subsection, the prior authorization request is granted.

(6)(A) On and after January 1, 2014, each health care insurer shall submit its prior authorization form to the State Insurance Department to be kept on file.

(B) A copy of a subsequent replacement or modification of a health care insurer's prior authorization form shall be filed with the department within fifteen (15) days before the prior authorization form is used or before implementation of the replacement or modification."



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Irvin

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