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A Bill

SENATE BILL 218

5 By: Senator Irvin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE A UNIFORM PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM;
9 TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE INSURERS TO USE A UNIFORM
10 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO CREATE A UNIFORM PRIOR
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-420, concerning prior authorization*
23 *determination protocols, is amended to add an additional subsection to read*
24 *as follows:*

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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