

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB736-ER

Patron: Maldonado

Bill Title: Health insurance; carrier contracts; required provisions regarding prior authorization for prescription drugs.

Bill Summary: Amends existing required provisions for health carrier contracts related to prior authorizations for prescription drugs. Current law requires that if prior authorization is approved for prescription drugs and such prescription drugs have been scheduled, provided, or delivered to the patient consistent with the authorization, health carriers may not revoke, limit, condition, modify, or restrict that authorization except in certain circumstances. The bill requires this limitation on carriers to apply for the duration of the authorization, which shall be no less than six months for initial authorizations and 12 months for continued authorizations. The bill adds circumstances under which a prior authorization may be revoked, limited, conditioned, modified, or restricted by a carrier, including (i) a final action by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, other regulatory agencies, or the manufacturer communicating a patient efficacy issue that would affect the authorization and (ii) when additional safety and efficacy monitoring is clinically appropriate or recommended by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, other regulatory agencies, or the manufacturer.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: This legislation is not expected to create a state fiscal impact.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) indicates this legislation does not have a fiscal impact on the state employee health plan.

Fiscal Analysis: See "Fiscal Summary"

Other: None.