

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 1736
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute for HB 1736 requires health benefit plans to implement a clear and transparent process for a participant or beneficiary with CRF-COPD to request an exception to step therapy protocol and cover the requested treatment. An exemption may be required when:

- Other treatments required under protocol are ineffective;
- Delaying effective treatment would cause severe consequences;
- Other treatments are likely to cause harm;
- Other treatments will prevent a participant from maintaining necessary functional abilities; or
- The patient's disease is life threatening.

The health benefit plan will publish requirements and information for requesting an exception to a treatment step therapy protocol to its website. The insurer must respond to exception requests within 72 hours.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.