

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1808
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Request Number:	12867
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The policy committee recommendation for HB 1808 modifies regulations for step-therapy and prior authorization for prescription drugs. Step-therapy protocols must grant exceptions if medications are contraindicated, ineffective, previously failed, or not in the insured's best interests. Protocols cannot require repeated failure on the same medication or mandate step-therapy for treating substance use disorders.

Health plans must respond to urgent prior authorization requests within 24 hours and non-urgent requests within 2 business days. Unanswered prior authorization requests are automatically approved. Approvals are valid for the duration of the prescribed treatment or one year, whichever is longer, with limited renewals required for extended treatments. Coverage must continue for stable treatments when switching health plans for at least 90 days.

The measure also directs the Insurance Department to establish rules prohibiting prior authorizations for generic medications and low-denial-rate treatments, focusing on primary care services and frequently used treatments.

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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.