514F.5 Experimental treatment review.

1. A carrier, as defined in section 513B.2, an organized delivery system authorized under 1993 Iowa Acts, ch. 158, or a plan established pursuant to chapter 509A for public employees, that limits coverage for experimental medical treatment, drugs, or devices, shall develop and implement a procedure to evaluate experimental medical treatments and shall submit a description of the procedure to the division of insurance. The procedure shall be in writing and must describe the process used to determine whether the carrier, organized delivery system, or chapter 509A plan will provide coverage for new medical technologies and new uses of existing technologies. The procedure, at a minimum, shall require a review of information from appropriate government regulatory agencies and published scientific literature concerning new medical technologies, new uses of existing technologies, and the use of external experts in making decisions. A carrier, organized delivery system, or chapter 509A plan shall include appropriately licensed or qualified professionals in the evaluation process. The procedure shall provide a process for a person covered under a plan or contract to request a review of a denial of coverage because the proposed treatment is experimental. A review of a particular treatment need not be reviewed more than once a year.

2. A carrier, organized delivery system, or chapter 509A plan that limits coverage for experimental treatment, drugs, or devices shall clearly disclose such limitations in a contract, policy, or certificate of coverage.

99 Acts, ch 41, §6