

House File 207 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the use of step therapy protocols, including
2 step therapy override protocols, under the Medicaid program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 514F.7, subsection 1, paragraph h, Code
2 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 *h. "Health carrier" means an entity subject to the*
4 *insurance laws and regulations of this state, or subject*
5 *to the jurisdiction of the commissioner, including an*
6 *insurance company offering sickness and accident plans, a*
7 *health maintenance organization, a nonprofit health service*
8 *corporation, a plan established pursuant to chapter 509A*
9 *for public employees, or any other entity providing a plan*
10 *of health insurance, health care benefits, or health care*
11 *services. "Health carrier" ~~does not include~~ includes a managed*
12 *care organization as defined in 441 IAC 73.1 when the managed*
13 *care organization is acting pursuant to a contract with the*
14 *Iowa department of human services to provide services to*
15 *Medicaid recipients.*

16 Sec. 2. MEDICAID MANAGED CARE AND FEE-FOR-SERVICE — USE
17 OF STEP THERAPY PROTOCOLS. The department of human services
18 shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A and shall amend
19 Medicaid managed care contracts to require application of step
20 therapy protocols, including step therapy override protocols,
21 as specified in section 514F.7, under both the Medicaid
22 fee-for-service and the managed care reimbursement and delivery
23 systems.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill directs the department of human services (DHS)
28 to adopt administrative rules and to amend Medicaid managed
29 care contracts to require the use of step therapy protocols,
30 including step therapy override protocols, as specified in
31 Code section 514F.7, under both Medicaid fee-for-service and
32 managed care reimbursement and delivery systems. The bill
33 also amends Code section 514F.7 to eliminate the exclusion
34 from the definition of "health carrier" of Medicaid managed
35 care organizations, thereby requiring Medicaid managed care

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1 organizations as health carriers to use step therapy protocols
2 for Medicaid members.