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ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5267

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State of Washington

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2013 Regular Session

By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Becker, Keiser, Conway, Ericksen, Bailey, Dammeier, Frockt, and Schlicher)

READ FIRST TIME 03/01/13.

1 AN ACT Relating to developing standardized prior authorization for  
2 medical and pharmacy management; creating a new section; and providing  
3 an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) A work group is formed to develop  
6 criteria to streamline the prior authorization process for prescription  
7 drugs, medical procedures, and medical tests, with the goal of  
8 simplification and uniformity.

9 (2) The work group shall be cochaired by the chair of the senate  
10 health care committee and the chair of the house of representatives  
11 health care committee, and membership of the work group shall be  
12 determined by the cochairs, not to exceed eleven participants.

13 (3) The work group shall examine elements that may include the  
14 following:

15 (a) National standard transaction information, such as HIPAA 278  
16 standards, for sending or receiving authorizations electronically;

17 (b) Standard transaction information and uniform prior  
18 authorization forms;

- 1 (c) Clean, uniform, and readily accessible forms for prior  
2 authorization including determining the appropriate number of forms;
- 3 (d) A core set of common data requirements for nonclinical  
4 information for prior authorization and electronic prescriptions, or  
5 both;
- 6 (e) The prior authorization process, which considers electronic  
7 forms and allows for flexibility for carriers to develop electronic  
8 forms; and
- 9 (f) Existing prior authorization forms by insurance carriers and by  
10 state agencies, in developing the uniform prior authorization forms.
- 11 (4) The work group must:
- 12 (a) Establish timelines for urgent requests and timeliness for  
13 nonurgent requests;
- 14 (b) Work on a receipt and missing information time frame;
- 15 (c) Determine time limits for a response of acknowledgment of  
16 receipts or requests of missing information;
- 17 (d) Establish when an authorization request will be deemed as  
18 granted when there is no response.
- 19 (5) The work group must submit their recommendations to the  
20 appropriate committees of the legislature by November 15, 2013.
- 21 (6) This section expires January 1, 2014.

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