

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB337

Chairperson: Senator Matt Williams

Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Date of Hearing: February 01, 2021

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 337 creates the Step Therapy Reform Act, which creates commonsense guardrails on the practice of step therapy. "Step therapy" is an insurance practice in which a patient is required to try and fail a treatment/s selected by the insurance company before the insurance company will cover the original treatment prescribed by his or her health care provider.

This bill provides a clear and transparent process for health care providers to request a step therapy override exception, provides certain circumstances when a health care provider can override the step therapy protocol, and establishes timelines for which an insurance company or pharmacy benefit manager must respond when a step therapy override exception request is submitted.

LB 337 does not require an insurance company to cover a drug not on formulary.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mark Kolterman