

HB 2203 -- Pharmaceutical Benefits Information

Sponsor: Stevenson

This bill requires the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration to establish, or contract for its private management, a web site that will include the step therapy and prior authorization protocols for every health carrier and health benefit plan in the state providing pharmaceutical benefits. The web site must allow health care providers and patients to access insurer-specific information for disease-specific step therapy and prior authorization requirements. The web site must also provide specified information to facilitate the continuance of a medication that does not cause negative side effects for a patient.

Each health carrier and health benefit plan in the state must provide the department with all required information to maintain the web site and provide a simple standardized form that health care providers can use to verify that a patient has tried a specific medication and failed on a required medication under the health plan or which is likely to have a negative side effect. Upon completion of the form, a patient must have immediate access to a medication that does not result in a negative side effect without any further health insurer requirement.