

HB 1552 with HCA 1 -- STANDARD PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM

SPONSOR: Neely

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Health Insurance by a vote of 8 to 1.

By January 1, 2017, this bill requires the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration to develop a standard prior authorization form that is required to be used by all health carriers offering policies of insurance in Missouri.

HCA #1: This amendment amends language to require the prior authorization form to be made available electronically and in paper form.

This bill is the same as HB 911 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will help patients and providers streamline the process of getting health care services provided by simplifying and standardizing the prior authorization forms.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Neely; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Missouri Hospital Association; Missouri Association Of Osteopathic Physicians And Surgeons; Missouri State Medical Association; Missouri Academy Of Family Physicians; and James Brasfield, MS Society.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that innovation has taken us forward and by having to use standardized forms would take the entire industry backwards. The industry already uses forms that are specific to certain procedures that need to be preformed and by only having one form we couldn't specialize the forms to ask only the questions that need to be asked by procedure.

Testifying against the bill were Blue Cross And Blue Shield Of Kansas City; United Healthcare Services, Inc.; Anthem, Inc.; Missouri Insurance Coalition; and America's Health Insurance Plans.