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Vermont - HB 102

Sponsor: Representative Lucy Rogers (D)

Actions: 02/23/2021 Hearing held
01/20/2021 Introduced; Referred to House Health Care Committee

Summary: Summary for 1/20/2021 Version

This measure amends Vermont code to require health insurers to eliminate certain prior authorization requirements and to modify the parameters of a prior authorization pilot program to specify program availability for providers.

This measure applies to health insurance plans.

When conducting its annual prior authorization process, this measure specifies that a health plan must eliminate the prior authorization requirement for procedures and tests with an approval rate of at least 97%.

This measure amends the prior authorization pilot program to require that at least 30% of an insurer's participating providers may participate in the program, 40% of which must be primary care providers. These program providers will be automatically exempted from the insurer's prior authorization requirements for medical procedures or medical tests, including imaging, or a combination of these.

This measure does not outline any rulemaking or enforcement mechanisms.

This measure will take effect upon enactment.

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Vermont - SB 204

Sponsor: Senator Virginia Lyons (D)

Actions: 03/10/2022 Hearing Held; Amended; Passed Committee
02/24/2022 Hearing Held
01/06/2022 Introduced; Referred to Senate Committee on Health and Welfare

Summary: Summary for 1/6/2022 Version

This measure requires licensure for birth centers in the state, certificate of need requirements for birth centers, and insurance coverage for birth center services.

This measure lists out the necessary requirements to obtain the license, including application fees and the department's licensing process.

This measure also lays out penalties for violations and grants the ability to revoke a license, if necessary.

This measure requires insurance plans to cover prenatal, maternity, postpartum, and newborn services provided at a birth center.

This measure requires a certificate of need for a birth center to be established.

This measure requires the Green Mountain Care Board to conduct research that will determine if birthing centers should be required to submit a certificate of need. The report is due by April 1, 2023.

This measure requires the Agency of Human Services to request CMS for Medicaid reimbursement approval for services delivered at a birth center.

The earliest section of this measure will take effect January 1, 2023.

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