



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Prior authorization requirements

Modifies existing law, unchanged by the House, concerning prior authorization requirements of health care insurers and Medicaid, as follows:

- **Health care services in general:** Changes the starting date of the period within which a prior authorization review must be completed from (a) the date the health care insurer or Medicaid program receives all information needed to process the review to (b) the date the request for prior authorization is received.
- **Drug substitution by pharmacists:** Specifies the following concerning how prior authorization requirements relate to the authority of pharmacists to substitute generic drugs and interchangeable biological products for brand name drugs and products:
 - (1) When an interchangeable biological product is released, a substitution may be made even if a prior authorization request had a 12-month approval;
 - (2) Any substitution of a drug or biological product must be done in accordance with existing law and the bill.

Exemption from health insuring corporation application review requirements

Adds to the bill a provision exempting from specified application review under the Health Insuring Corporation Law, unchanged by the House, health insuring corporations that solely cover individuals in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

Physician assistant supervision agreements

Adds to the bill a provision delaying by one year the expiration of a supervision agreement between a physician and physician assistant if, under current law, the agreement would expire on January 31, 2017.

Emergency clause and effective dates

Adds a provision declaring the bill to be an emergency measure and applies the resulting immediate effective date to the provision concerning when physician assistant supervision agreements expire.

Delays the effective date of the remaining provisions until the 91st day after the bill's effective date.

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