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BILL SUMMARY

S.F. No. 2071 – Step therapy use protocol for insulin drugs prohibition

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Bill Overview

S.F. 2071 prohibits health plans, the medical assistance program (MA), and the MinnesotaCare program from requiring step therapy protocols for prescription insulin drugs when used to treat diabetes. The changes take effect January 1, 2027 (or upon federal approval for MA and MinnesotaCare).

Section Summaries

Section 1 (adds Minn. Stat. § 62Q.1842; Step Therapy Protocol for Insulin; Prohibition)

Subdivision 1 (Definitions) This subdivision defines key terms for purposes of the section, including "diabetes," "prescription insulin drug," and "step therapy protocol." Step therapy protocol means "a protocol or program that establishes the specific sequence in which prescription drugs for a specified medical condition, including self-administered drugs and drugs that are administered by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant, are medically appropriate for a particular enrollee and are covered under a health plan."

Subdivision 2 (Prohibition on use of step therapy protocol) This subdivision prohibits a health plan from limiting or excluding coverage for prescription insulin drugs by mandating step therapy protocol requirements.

Effective Date. This section is effective January 1, 2027, and applies to health plans offered, issued, or renewed on or after that date.

Section 2 (amends Minn. Stat. § 256B.0625, subd. 13f; Prior authorization) This section amends the MA statute governing prior authorization of prescription drugs to provide that any step therapy protocol requirements established by the commissioner of human services

must comply with the provisions in the new Minn. Stat. § 62Q.1842. The modification applies the prohibition on step therapy for insulin to MA. This section is effective January 1, 2027, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.

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