

Amendment - 1st Reading-white - Requested by: Kerri Seekins-Crowe - (H) Business and Labor

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 610

2 INTRODUCED BY K. SEEKINS-CROWE

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING PREAUTHORIZATION LAWS; PROVIDING
5 DIRECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO NOT REQUIRE
6 AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN ANTIPSYCHOTIC DRUGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND
7 AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Directions to department of public health and human services.** (1)

12 For the purpose of removing barriers to the timely treatment of serious mental illnesses, the department of
13 public health and human services may not require prior authorization under the medicaid program on any
14 antipsychotic drug that is approved by the U.S. food and drug administration, for its approved indications, for
15 medicaid members 18 years of age and older.

16 (2) Nothing in this section may require the department to cover antipsychotic drugs not eligible for
17 coverage in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1396r-8.

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19 ~~**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Directions to department of public health and human services.** The~~
20 ~~department may not require prior authorization under the medicaid program for any antipsychotic drug~~
21 ~~approved by the federal drug administration that is recognized by the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and~~
22 ~~Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders adopted by the American psychiatric association as effective in the~~
23 ~~treatment of conditions that are specified in the manual.~~

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25 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective [30 days after this act is passed and
26 approved].

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