

Amendment to SB 532-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

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3 3 New Section; Prior Authorization for Substance Abuse Treatment. Amend RSA 415-A by
4 inserting after section 6 the following new section:

5 415-A:7 Prior Authorization.

6 I. All policies issued or renewed after July 1, 2016 shall either:

7 (a) Provide coverage for medically necessary acute treatment services and medically
8 necessary clinical stabilization services without prior authorization prior to obtaining such acute
9 treatment services or clinical stabilization services for up to 72 hours; provided, that the facility
10 shall provide the carrier notification of admission within 48 hours of the admission. Medical
11 necessity shall be determined by the treating clinician; or

12 (b) Have a medical clinician or licensed alcohol and drug counselor available on a 24-
13 hour hotline to provide a drug treatment assessment. If treatment is found to be a medical
14 necessity by the clinician or counselor, prior authorization for services, such as acute treatment
15 services or clinical stabilization services shall be granted within 12 hours of the initial call being
16 made to the hotline.

17 II. If an insurance policy does not require prior authorization for acute treatment services
18 or clinical stabilization services, subparagraphs I(a) and (b) shall not apply.

19 4 Repeal. The following are repealed:

20 I. RSA 415-A:1, I-a relative to acute treatment services.

21 II. RSA 415-A:1, I-cc, relative to clinical stabilization services.

22 III. RSA 415-A:7, relative to prior authorization for substance abuse treatment.

23 5 Effective Date.

24 I. Section 4 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

25 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires carriers to provide either coverage for medically necessary substance abuse treatment without prior authorization for a certain period of time or a 24 - hour hotline for assessment by a medical clinician or licensed alcohol and drug counselor.