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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 638, L.D. 919, Bill, “An Act To Provide Access to Opioid Analgesics with Abuse-deterrent Properties”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §4320-J by striking out all of subsections 2 and 3 (page 1, lines 16 to 31 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

2. Required coverage. A carrier offering a health plan in this State shall provide coverage for abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug products listed on any formulary, preferred drug list or other list of drugs used by the carrier on a basis not less favorable than that for opioid analgesic drug products that are not abuse-deterrent and are covered by the health plan. An increase in enrollee cost sharing to achieve compliance with this section may not be implemented.'

SUMMARY

This amendment requires all health insurance carriers offering individual and group health plans to provide coverage for abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug products on a basis not less favorable than that for other opioid analgesic drug products, instead of other prescription drugs as specified in the bill, on any formulary, preferred drug list or other list of drugs used by the carrier.

This amendment removes the prior authorization requirements specified in the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)