

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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S.P. 420 - L.D. 1268

**An Act To Provide Greater Access to Treatment for Serious Mental Illness
by Restricting Prescription Drug Utilization Management by an Insurance
Carrier**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4304, sub-§2-C is enacted to read:

2-C. Prior authorization of prescription drugs used for assessment and treatment of serious mental illness. Notwithstanding any requirement of this section to the contrary, a carrier shall approve a prior authorization request for medication on the carrier's prescription drug formulary that is prescribed to assess or treat an enrollee's serious mental illness. For the purposes of this subsection, "serious mental illness" means a mental disorder, as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association, that results in serious functional impairment that substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities. The superintendent may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4320-N, sub-§1, ¶D-1 is enacted to read:

D-1. "Serious mental illness" means a mental disorder, as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association, that results in serious functional impairment that substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §4320-N, sub-§6, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 295, §1 and reallocated by RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §26, is amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) The required prescription drug is not in the best interest of the enrollee, based on medical necessity; or

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4320-N, sub-§6, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 295, §1 and reallocated by RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §26, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) The enrollee is stable on a prescription drug selected by the enrollee's health care provider for the medical condition under consideration while on a current or previous health insurance or health plan; or

Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §4320-N, sub-§6, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 295, §1 and reallocated by RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §26, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) The prescription drug selected by the enrollee's health care provider is intended to assess or treat the enrollee's serious mental illness.

Sec. 6. Application. The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2022. For the purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.