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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 751, L.D. 1009, Bill, “An Act To Provide Protections for Maine Patients Facing Step Therapy”

Amend the bill in section 1 in the first line (page 1, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**§4320-L**" and inserting the following: '**§4320-M**'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §4320-L in the first line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**§4320-L**" and inserting the following: '**§4320-M**'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §4320-L in subsection 1 by inserting after paragraph D the following:

'E. "Stable on a prescription drug" means, with respect to an enrollee, receiving a positive therapeutic outcome on a prescription drug selected by the enrollee's health care provider for the enrollee's medical condition.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §4320-L in subsection 1 by relettering the paragraphs to read alphabetically.

Amend the bill in section 1 in §4320-L in subsection 6 by striking out all of paragraph D (page 3, lines 15 to 21 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'D. A carrier or utilization review organization shall grant or deny a request for a step therapy override exception determination or an appeal of a determination within 72 hours, or 2 business days, whichever is less, after receipt of the request. If exigent circumstances, as described in section 4311, subsection 1-A, paragraph B, exist, a carrier or utilization review organization shall grant or deny the request within 24 hours after receipt of the request. The carrier shall provide coverage for the prescription drug prescribed by the prescriber during the pendency of the request for a step therapy override exception determination or an appeal of a determination. If a carrier or utilization review organization does not grant or deny the request within the time required under this paragraph, the exception or appeal is granted.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §4320-L in subsection 6 by striking out all of paragraph F (page 3, lines 23 to 28 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

