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Introduced by Sen. HANNON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the insurance law, in relation to a standard prior authorization request form for a utilization review of prescription drug coverage

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 4903 of the public health law is amended by adding  
2     a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:  
3     8. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FINAN-  
4     CIAL SERVICES, SHALL DEVELOP A STANDARD PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FORM  
5     TO BE UTILIZED BY ALL HEALTH CARE PLANS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBMITTING A  
6     REQUEST FOR A UTILIZATION REVIEW DETERMINATION FOR COVERAGE OF  
7     PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS UNDER THIS ARTICLE. THE FORM SHALL BE IDENTI-  
8     CAL TO THAT DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED  
9     THREE OF THE INSURANCE LAW. EACH HEALTH CARE PLAN SHALL MAKE THE STAND-  
10    ARD PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FORM AVAILABLE TO, AND SHALL ACCEPT IT  
11    FROM, PRESCRIBING PROVIDERS IN PAPER AND ELECTRONIC FORM. THE DEPARTMENT  
12    AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE STAND-  
13    ARDIZED FORM, SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION EXISTING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION  
14    FORMS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE HUNDRED  
15    SIXTY-FOUR-J OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW.  
16    S 2. Section 4903 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new  
17    subsection (h) to read as follows:  
18    (H) THE SUPERINTENDENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF  
19    HEALTH, SHALL DEVELOP A STANDARD PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FORM TO BE  
20    UTILIZED BY ALL HEALTH CARE PLANS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBMITTING A  
21    REQUEST FOR A UTILIZATION REVIEW DETERMINATION FOR COVERAGE OF  
22    PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS UNDER THIS ARTICLE. THE FORM SHALL BE IDENTI-  
23    CAL TO THAT DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION FORTY-NINE HUNDRED THREE OF  
24    THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW. EACH HEALTH CARE PLAN SHALL MAKE THE STANDARD

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FORM AVAILABLE TO, AND SHALL ACCEPT IT FROM,  
2 PRESCRIBING PROVIDERS IN PAPER AND ELECTRONIC FORM. THE DEPARTMENT AND  
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE STANDARDIZED FORM, SHALL  
4 TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION EXISTING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORMS ESTABLISHED  
5 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE HUNDRED  
6 SIXTY-FOUR-J OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW.

7 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.