

**HEALTH INSURANCE PRIOR
AUTHORIZATION AMENDMENTS**

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Accident and Health Insurance part of the Insurance Code.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires an accident and health insurer to provide an enrollee with a statement of preauthorization for a medical procedure in certain circumstances; and
- ▶ clarifies that a statement of preauthorization is not a guarantee of payment by an insurer.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

31A-22-638, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **31A-22-638** is enacted to read:

31A-22-638. Statement of preauthorization.



28 (1) An insurer who requires preauthorization or preapproval for coverage under
29 accident and health insurance shall ~~H→~~ , beginning January 1, 2011, ~~←H~~ provide an enrollee with
29a a statement of preauthorization if:

30 (a) the applicable CPT codes have been submitted to the insurer to determine whether a
31 particular procedure is covered under the terms of the accident and health insurance policy;

32 (b) the enrollee has met the requirements for preauthorization of the procedure or
33 encounter; and

34 (c) the enrollee requests a statement of preauthorization.

35 (2) A statement of preauthorization under Subsection (1) may be sent:

36 (a) by mail; or

37 (b) electronically.

38 (3) A statement of preauthorization ~~S→~~ shall include a statement that the
38a pre-authorization ~~←S~~ is:

39 (a) not a guarantee of payment by an insurer; and

40 (b) subject to the policy and contract provisions of the accident and health insurance
41 contract.

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals or local governments. Certain businesses may incur costs for notification required in the bill.
