



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 341

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House Bill No. 5447

House of Representatives, April 6, 2022

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through REP. WOOD, K. of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Insurance Department shall
2 conduct a study concerning prior authorization issues for health care
3 provider services in the state. The report shall specifically consider and
4 make recommendations concerning a program that would exempt
5 health care providers who have a certain rate of prior authorization
6 approval for health care provider services during a certain period of
7 time from prior authorization requirements. Not later than January 15,
8 2023, the department shall submit a report, in accordance with the
9 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, concerning the results
10 of such study to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
11 having cognizance of matters relating to insurance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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INS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Insurance Dept.	IF - Cost	75,000	None

Note: IF=Insurance Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the Insurance Fund of approximately \$75,000 in FY 23 for the Insurance Department to conduct a study concerning prior authorization issues for healthcare providers, including a consideration of "gold carding." It is anticipated that the agency would need to hire a consultant to complete the study by January 15, 2023.

The Out Years

There is no fiscal impact in the out years.

Sources: Connecticut Insurance Department

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/22/2022)