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Representative Carol Spackman Moss proposes the following substitute bill:

COVERAGE FOR EOSINOPHILIC DISORDERS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carol Spackman Moss

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Insurance Code to require health insurance coverage for the use of an amino acid-based elemental formula, regardless of the delivery method of the formula, for the diagnosis or treatment of an eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorder.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires a health benefit plan effective or renewed on or after January 1, ~~{2016}~~2017, to provide coverage for the use of an amino acid-based elemental formula, regardless of the delivery method of the formula, for the diagnosis or treatment of an eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorder;
- ▶ grants administrative rulemaking authority to the insurance commissioner;~~{~~

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~~requires the coverage described in this bill to be similar to, or identical to, the coverage provided for illness or disease;~~ and

- ▶ provides that exemptions to insurance coverage mandates for health benefit plans do not apply to the insurance coverage for the use of an amino acid-based formula for the diagnosis or treatment of an eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorder.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

31A-22-644, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **31A-22-644** is enacted to read:

31A-22-644. Insurance coverage for amino acid-based formula.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Amino acid-based elemental formula" means a nutrition formula:

(i) made from individual non-allergenic amino acids that are broken down to enhance absorption and digestion; and

(ii) designed for individuals who have a dysfunctional gastrointestinal tract and are unable to tolerate and absorb whole foods or formulas composed of whole proteins, fats, or carbohydrates.

(b) (i) "Eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorder" means a disorder characterized by having above normal amounts of eosinophils in one or more specific places anywhere in the digestive system.

(ii) "Eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorder" includes:

(A) eosinophilic esophagitis;

(B) eosinophilic gastritis;

(C) eosinophilic gastroenteritis;

(D) eosinophilic enteritis; and

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(E) eosinophilic colitis.

(2) Notwithstanding Subsection 31A-22-618.5(2)(b)(i)(D), a health benefit plan effective or renewed on or after January 1, ~~2016~~2017, shall provide coverage for the use of an amino acid-based elemental formula, regardless of the delivery method of the formula, for the diagnosis or treatment of an eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorder if ~~fa licensed physician issues a written order stating that the use of an amino acid-based elemental formula is medically necessary~~prescribed by a physician licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, and if dispensed by a pharmacy licensed under Title 58, Chapter 17b, Utah Pharmacy Practice Act.

(3) The commissioner shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, that set minimum standards for the coverage described in Subsection (2).

~~{ (4) The rules described in Subsection (3) shall require that all cost sharing provisions for the coverage described in Subsection (2), including deductibles, coinsurance, annual maximums, and lifetime maximums, are similar to, or identical to, the coverage provided for other illnesses or diseases.~~

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