

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB487

Chairperson: Senator Matt Hansen, M.

Committee: Business and Labor

Date of Hearing: March 04, 2019

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The purpose of LB487 is to adopt an evidence-based drug formulary for prescription drugs. The formulary would apply to those Schedule II, III, IV, and V drugs prescribed and dispensed for workers' compensation claims with a date of injury on or after January 1, 2020.

A prescription drug listed and recommended in the formulary is presumed to be reasonable and may be prescribed without obtaining prior authorization from the insurer. A prescription drug that is not included in the formulary or one that is included within the formulary, but not recommended, requires prior authorization from the insurer before it is presumed to be reasonable.

If an insurer denies payment or denies prior authorization based on the formulary, a party may request a finding by an independent medical examiner.

The legislation also directs the Workers' Compensation Court, in the course of adopting a drug formulary, to consult with stakeholders representing employers, insurers, private and public employees, medical providers, and attorneys.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Andrew La Grone