

Senate Health Care and Human Service

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- (1) A health benefit plan that provides prescription drug coverage and that uses step therapy protocols shall provide a clear process for a prescribing practitioner to provide a medical rationale as to why a particular step therapy protocol is not appropriate for a particular patient based on the patient's medical condition and history.
- (2) As part of the process described in Section 1, a health benefit plan must make readily available to a prescribing practitioner the following:
  - a. The clinical criteria of the protocol; and
  - b. A description of the specific documentation required, if any, for the health benefit plan to determine the appropriateness of a step therapy protocol for a particular patient.