

SB 2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 3/10, 3/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits health insurers from imposing prior authorization or other utilization review requirements on coverage of proton beam therapy.

REVENUE: revenue impact statement issued - no impact.

FISCAL: fiscal impact statement issued - no impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, the Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 740 requiring health insurers to provide coverage of proton beam therapy for treatment of cancer to the same extent the insurer provides coverage of radiation therapy. The bill allowed insurers to subject coverage of proton beam therapy to prior authorization or other utilization review. These reviews allow the insurer to evaluate the efficiency, appropriateness, and medical necessity of treatments, services, procedures, and facilities provided to patients on a case-by-case basis.

Senate Bill 2 prohibits health insurers from imposing prior authorization and other utilization review requirements on the coverage of proton beam therapy for the treatment of cancer.