General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 331

LCO No. **683**

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING STEP THERAPY REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS COVERED UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

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

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-274f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) The duration of any step therapy program requirement **[**shall**]** <u>for Medicaid coverage of a prescription drug may follow evidence-based guidelines issued by the manufacturer of the prescription drug and the federal Food and Drug Administration. If no such guidelines exist, step therapy may</u> not be longer than a period of thirty days, after which time the prescribing practitioner may deem such treatment as clinically ineffective for the patient. When the prescribing practitioner deems the treatment to be clinically ineffective, the drug prescribed and recommended by the practitioner shall be dispensed and covered under the Medicaid program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	17b-274f(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To align step therapy requirements with manufacturer guidelines for prescription drugs covered under the Medicaid program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]