

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

SENATE BILL NO. 2243
(Senators J. Lee, Anderson, Kreun)
(Representatives Beadle, M. Johnson)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 50-24.6-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to prior authorization for medical assistance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 3 of section 50-24.6-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. a. For individuals twenty-one years of age and older, except for quantity limits that may be no less than the pharmaceutical manufacturer's package insert, brand name drugs with a generic equivalent drug for which the cost to the state postrebate is less than the brand name drugs, in the aggregate, or generic drugs with a brand name equivalent drug for which the cost to the state postrebate is less than the generic drug, the department may not prior authorize the following medication classes:
 - (1) Antipsychotics;
 - (2) Antidepressants;
 - (3) Anticonvulsants;
 - (4) Antiretrovirals, for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus;
 - (5) Antineoplastic agents, for the treatment of cancer; and
 - (6) Stimulant medication used for the treatment of attention deficit disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, except an individual who prescribes this medication at a rate two times higher than the rate of the top ten prescribers excluding the top prescriber may be subject to prior authorization.
- b. For individuals under twenty-one years of age, except for quantity limits that may be no less than the pharmaceutical manufacturer's package insert, brand name drugs with a generic equivalent drug for which the cost to the state postrebate is less than the brand name drugs, in the aggregate, or generic drugs with a brand name equivalent drug for which the cost to the state postrebate is less than the generic drug, the department may not prior authorize the following medication classes:
 - (1) Antipsychotics;
 - (2) Antidepressants;
 - (3) Anticonvulsants;
 - (4) Antiretrovirals, for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus;
 - (5) Antineoplastic agents, for the treatment of cancer; and
 - (6) Stimulant medication used for the treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

- c. The restrictions of subdivision b do not apply for individuals under twenty-one years of age, who have five or more concurrent prescriptions for psychotropic medications.
- d. Prior authorization for individuals under twenty-one years of age is required for five or more concurrent prescriptions for antipsychotics, antidepressants, anticonvulsants, benzodiazepines, mood stabilizers, sedative, hypnotics, or medications used for the treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. The department shall grant authorization to exceed the limits after a prescriber requesting authorization consults with a board certified pediatric psychiatrist approved by the department.
- e. The restrictions of this subsection do not apply if prior authorization is required by the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2243.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 67 Nays 23 Absent 4

Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State