

1-1 By: Menéndez S.B. No. 1525
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 21, 2025; March 6, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human
1-4 Services; May 5, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 May 5, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Kolkhorst	X			
1-10	Perry	X			
1-11	Blanco	X			
1-12	Cook	X			
1-13	Hall	X			
1-14	Hancock	X			
1-15	Hughes	X			
1-16	Miles	X			
1-17	Sparks	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1525 By: Perry

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to prior authorization for prescription drug benefits
1-22 related to the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter N, Chapter 1369,
1-25 Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-26 SUBCHAPTER N. COVERAGE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR AUTOIMMUNE AND
1-27 NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES AND CERTAIN BLOOD DISORDERS

1-28 SECTION 2. Section 1369.654, Insurance Code, is amended by
1-29 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
1-30 follows:

1-31 (a) A health benefit plan issuer that provides prescription
1-32 drug benefits may not require an enrollee to receive more than one
1-33 prior authorization annually of the prescription drug benefit for a
1-34 prescription drug prescribed to treat an autoimmune disease, a
1-35 neurodegenerative disease, hemophilia, or Von Willebrand disease.

1-36 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a health benefit plan
1-37 issuer may require an enrollee who is prescribed a new prescription
1-38 drug to treat a neurodegenerative disease to obtain a prior
1-39 authorization for the prescription drug.

1-40 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-41 to a health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, or
1-42 renewed on or after January 1, 2026. A health benefit plan
1-43 delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2026,
1-44 is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the
1-45 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
1-46 that purpose.

1-47 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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