

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 509
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Request Number:	NA
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Impact:	OID: \$0 anticipated to nonappropriated agency.

Research Analysis

SB 509 requires any health insurance plan that utilizes a step therapy protocol to establish guidelines governing the use of the step therapy protocol using clinical practice guidelines. When a health insurance plan restricts prescription drug coverage pursuant to a step therapy protocol, the insurance provider must provide a process for a step therapy exception. Exceptions shall be granted in cases where the prescribed drug will likely cause an adverse reaction or harm, the prescription drug will likely be ineffective, the patient has tried the prescription drug prior and discontinued use, the prescription drug is not in the best interest of the patient, or the patient is stable on another prescription drug.

Health insurers must respond to requests for exceptions or appeals within 72 hours, unless exigent circumstances exist, in which cases insurers must respond within 24 hours. Patients may appeal any exception decision. The measure directs the Oklahoma Insurance Department and Oklahoma Health Care Authority to promulgate rules.

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Fiscal Analysis

As written, the measure does not have an impact on the Oklahoma Insurance Department (OID), a nonappropriated agency.

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Other Considerations

Per the Oklahoma Department of Insurance, the measure places rules into place for organizations who are required to implement the procedures, but OID has no method for calculating any costs for those requirements.