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Stiles applauds agreement reducing prior authorization time for addiction treatment

Concord, NH - Today, the Senate passed SB 532, a bill that would reduce medical insurers' prior authorization requirements for in patient substance abuse treatment services.

This bill would standardize the preauthorization process to follow the American Society of Addiction Services (ASAM) for substance use disorder inpatient services among all providers.

"This legislation is critically important because it expedites the process when an individual chooses to accept inpatient treatment and actually being admitted for that treatment immediately. The process of seeking prior authorization and waiting for approval can be discouraging and the individual suffering from a substance abuse problem may change his or her mind in the process and decide to continue on a destructive path," said Senator Nancy Stiles (R-Hampton).

"In the middle of a heroin and opioid crisis, this legislation serves as an important step in providing treatment in a timely manner for those with a serious addiction. We hope this change will encourage more individuals to seek treatment and overcome their addiction to begin living a healthy productive life."

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