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## **Forrester commends Senate support of mental health community**

Concord, NH – The Senate passed HB 1680 Thursday, which extends the suspension of the prior authorization requirement allowing for ready access to important drugs to treat mental illness.

Senator Jeanie Forrester (R-Meredith) issued the following statement.

“The Senate has taken the lead to make sure New Hampshire’s citizens with mental illness have cohesive and readily available treatment options to address their health concerns.”

“The legislation we passed Thursday maintains the suspension waiver that removes prior authorization for drugs to treat mental health conditions. This ensures that individuals who need medicine to manage their condition have ready and consistent access to it. This will allow uninterrupted access to medicine while the issues are worked out between our community health care centers and managed care organizations that serve this population in our state.”

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