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SENATE BILL ***158***

AN ACT relative to authorization for clinician-prescribed substance use disorder services.

SPONSORS: Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 5; Sen. Kahn, Dist 10; Sen. Lasky, Dist 13; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Woodburn, Dist 1; Rep. Butler, Carr. 7; Rep. Luneau, Merr. 10; Rep. Williams, Hills. 4

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

AMENDED ANALYSIS

 This bill declares that if substance use disorder services are a covered benefit under a health benefit plan, a health carrier that has authorized or approved medication-assisted treatment for such services shall not require a renewal of a prior authorization more frequently than once every 12 months.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 185:1 New Section; Managed Care Law; Authorization for Substance Use Disorders. Amend
2 RSA 420-J by inserting after section 17 the following new section:

3 420-J:18 Authorization for Medication-Assisted Treatment. Whenever substance use disorder
4 services are a covered benefit under a health benefit plan subject to this chapter, a health carrier
5 that has authorized or otherwise approved medication-assisted treatment for such services shall not
6 require a renewal of such authorization more frequently than once every 12 months.

 185:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 29, 2017

Effective Date: August 28, 2017