

LEGISLATION & LUNCH

ENTRÉE COURSE ONE:

ADVOCACY FOR LUNCH

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COLLABORATIVE



ABOUT NCCC

The Nevada Chronic Care Collaborative is an alliance of non-profit health organizations, physician, provider, and consumer organizations united to improve the health of Nevadans. Collectively, NCCC represents over 1 million Nevadans with chronic conditions and diseases. Our Mission is to improve the health care system so that all Nevadans with chronic conditions or diseases can access affordable, quality health care. We do this by advocating for the development of health care policies focused on prevention and wellness, including effective diagnosis, team-based coordination, and management of chronic disease.





ADVOCACY TEAM

Board

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LEGISLATION THAT CHANGED CANCER IN NEVADA

Through the
Advocacy Lens

SUN SAFETY

TANNING BED USE BY MINORS

MELANOMA AWARENESS

DRUG DONATION

SCREENING

BREAST CANCER

STATE BC FUNDING

COLON CANCER

TOBACCO/SMOKE FREE WORKPLACES

PREVENTION AND CESSATION

NEVADA CLEAN INDOOR AIR

TOBACCO 21

BUCK A PACK INCREASE

VAPING REGS & TAXATION

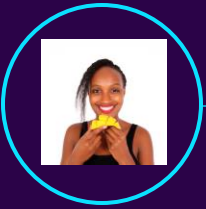
Oral Chemo Fairness

Biosimilars

Palliative Care

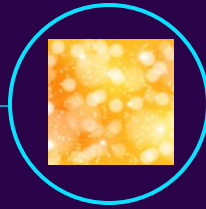
Childhood Cancer

PENDING LEGISLATION



SB 330

No Co-Pay for Diagnostic Breast
Cancer Imaging



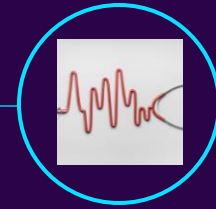
AB 155

Would expand coverage of
Biomarker Testing



SB 194

Would provide for comprehensive
Step Therapy Exception Protocol



OTHER



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(Reprinted with amendments adopted on April 25, 2023)

SECOND REPRINT

S.B. 194

SENATE BILL NO. 194—SENATORS OHRENSCHALL, FLORES,
KRASNER; LANGE, PAZINA AND STONE

FEBRUARY 23, 2023

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to step therapy protocols.
(BDR 57-885)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION—Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to insurance: requiring certain insurers to use evidence-based guidelines when developing a step therapy protocol; requiring such insurers to create a process by which an attending practitioner and an insured are authorized to apply for an exemption from a step therapy protocol; requiring such insurers to grant such an exemption in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law establishes a process by which a person may request an exemption
2 from a step therapy protocol established by his or her insurer for a prescription drug
3 used to treat late stage cancer or an associated symptom. If such a request is
4 granted, existing law requires the insurer to cover the prescription drug. (NRS
5 689A.04041, 689B.0305, 689C.1684, 695A.259, 695B.19085, 695C.17333,
6 695G.1675) **Sections 1, 3-8 and 11** of this bill require certain private-sector
7 insurers to establish a process by which an insured and his or her attending
8 practitioner may: (1) request an exemption from a step therapy protocol that applies
9 to prescription drugs; and (2) appeal a decision concerning such a request. **Sections**
10 **1, 3-8 and 11** require an insurer to: (1) grant such a request if the attending
11 practitioner submits certain information providing adequate justification for the
12 exemption; and (2) make the process to request an exemption and submit an appeal
13 accessible on an Internet website maintained by the insurer. **Sections 1, 3-8 and 11**
14 additionally require certain private-sector insurers to use guidelines based on
15 medical or scientific evidence, if available, when developing a step therapy
16 protocol. **Section 2** of this bill makes a conforming change to indicate the proper

FROM NELIS (LEG.STATE.NV.US)
EXHIBITS SUBMITTED FOR
SB 194



March 27, 2023

Senator Pat Spearman, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89101

Dear Chair Spearman and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor,

The Nevada Oncology Society (NOS) and the Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO) are pleased to support SB 194, which would extend guardrails around step therapy beyond Stage 3 and 4 metastatic cancers.



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As a practicing Rheumatologist, I am hopeful that if 2020 taught us anything, it is the value of good health. However, despite what we may have learned and even in the midst of the pandemic, I continue to see my patients suffer the effects of a health-care system that is simply stacked against them in favor of insurance company profits. Step therapy protocols, also known as "fail first," require patients to try and fail certain drugs before coverage is provided for the drug originally prescribed to the patient. Health insurance companies have implemented step therapy protocols that served to delay appropriate care for my patients. SB 194 would help ensure that my patients get the right medicine at the right time. Step therapy bypasses the medical expertise of doctors and doesn't always take into account the individual needs or medical history of the patient.

Senator Pat Spearman, Chair
Senator Roberta Lange, Vice-Chair
Senate Commerce and Labor Committee
Legislative Building
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701-4747



March 31, 2023

Chair Spearman, Vice-Chair Lange and Members of the Senate Committee,

On behalf of Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada (CCCN) we would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SB 194 which would require insurers to use guidelines based on medical or scientific evidence when developing new step therapy procedures and establish a clear, convenient, and readily accessible process for practitioners to request step therapy exceptions.



BASIC PROCEDURE

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE & LABOR

CHAIR SPEARMAN:

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE & LABOR

CHAIR MARZOLA:

RE: SB 194



SUMMARY

ADVOCACY can change health care policy in Nevada by supporting or opposing passage of legislation and regulations. CHANGES in cancer policy can improve prevention, treatment, patient outcomes and quality of life.

NOS, Employers, and YOU can Advocate for Change.

THERE ARE NO REQUISITE DISCLOSURES

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