

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 50-24.6-04 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the prior authorization program.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 50-24.6-04 of the North Dakota  
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 3. a. Except ~~For individuals twenty-one years of age and older, except for quantity~~  
7 limits that may be no less than the pharmaceutical manufacturer's package  
8 insert, ~~or~~ brand name drugs with a generic equivalent drug for which the cost to  
9 the state postrebate is less than the brand name drugs, in the aggregate, or  
10 generic drugs with a brand name equivalent drug for which the cost to the state  
11 postrebate is less than the generic drug. the department may not prior authorize  
12 the following medication classes:

13 a. (1) Antipsychotics;

14 b. (2) Antidepressants;

15 e. (3) Anticonvulsants;

16 d. (4) Antiretrovirals, for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus; and

17 e. (5) Antineoplastic agents, for the treatment of cancer; and

18 f. ~~Stimulant medication used for the treatment of attention deficit disorder and~~  
19 ~~attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.~~

20 b. For individuals under twenty-one years of age, except for quantity limits that may  
21 be no less than the pharmaceutical manufacturer's package insert, brand name  
22 drugs with a generic equivalent drug for which the cost to the state postrebate is  
23 less than the brand name drugs, in the aggregate, or generic drugs with a brand  
24 name equivalent drug for which the cost to the state postrebate is less than the

- 1           generic drug, the department may not prior authorize the following medication  
2           classes:  
3           (1) Antipsychotics;  
4           (2) Antidepressants;  
5           (3) Anticonvulsants;  
6           (4) Antiretrovirals, for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus;  
7           (5) Antineoplastic agents, for the treatment of cancer; and  
8           (6) Stimulant medication used for the treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity  
9           disorder.
- 10          c. The restrictions of subdivision b do not apply for individuals under twenty-one  
11          years of age, who have five or more concurrent prescriptions for psychotropic  
12          medications.
- 13          d. Prior authorization for individuals under twenty-one years of age is required for  
14          five or more concurrent prescriptions for antipsychotics, antidepressants,  
15          anticonvulsants, benzodiazepines, mood stabilizers, sedative, hypnotics, or  
16          medications used for the treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.  
17          Prescribers requesting authorization to exceed the limits shall consult with the  
18          department or through its agent.