

**SB 319 HEALTH INSURANCE PREAUTHORIZATION  
AMENDMENTS (Johnson, John D.)**

**Anticipated Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact to the  
state employee health plan**

SB 319 is modeled after federal law that establishes standards and timelines for the preauthorization of certain medical claims which will go into effect January 1, 2026, for health plans that participate in federal programs, like Medicare and Medicaid. The effect of this bill would be to apply similar turnaround requirements to the state-regulated insurance market, including 72 hours for urgent requests and 5 business days for all others. The bill also establishes the timeline within which an authorization would remain valid for a chronic condition and the terms of its application. PEHP uses preauthorizations to confirm medical necessity and manage costs. While this bill will change some aspects of PEHP's processes, on the whole, the bill is consistent with PEHP's practices and would not result in additional costs to the state employee health plan.

**ANTICIPATED FISCAL IMPACT ON EDUCATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
ENTITIES – no fiscal impact**