



2021 SENATE BILL 716

November 19, 2021 - Introduced by Senators RINGHAND, AGARD, LARSON and SMITH, cosponsored by Representatives SUBECK, S. RODRIGUEZ, CONLEY, DOYLE, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, OHNSTAD, POPE, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, TUSLER and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Insurance, Licensing and Forestry.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 632.866 (1) (a); and *to create* 632.866 (1) (ag), 632.866 (1)
2 (cm) and 632.866 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting step therapy
3 protocols for certain cancer drugs.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits an insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or utilization review organization from requiring a step therapy protocol for a drug that is prescribed for metastatic cancer or a cancer-associated condition and the use of the drug is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration, consistent with best practices for the treatment of metastatic cancer or the cancer-associated condition, and supported by peer-reviewed publications that are based on evidence-based research. A step therapy protocol, as defined in current law, establishes a specific sequence in which medically appropriate prescription drugs are covered by a policy or plan. Current law requires insurers, pharmacy benefit managers, and utilization review organizations to use clinical review criteria for establishing a step therapy protocol that are based on clinical practice guidelines that meet certain specific criteria and to provide access to a process to request an exception to the step therapy protocol.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

