

LAW UPDATES

Health Law

NOTICE OF GUARDIAN APPOINTMENT

2019 Oregon Laws Ch. 77 (SB 376)

SB 376 requires notice of the guardian appointment to be sent by the newly appointed guardian to a list of interested persons, including the protected person. It also requires the guardian to initiate termination of the guardianship when no longer needed.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS

2019 Oregon Laws Ch. 284 (SB 249)

SB 249 prohibits specified unfair claim settlement

practices by health insurers making prior authorization determinations. Specifically, the bill prohibits health insurers from engaging in a pattern or practice of refusing to approve requests for prior authorization of covered items without just cause, and modifies the deadline for insurers to respond to requests for prior authorization to request additional information if needed. Under the bill, the definition of “adverse benefit determination” is modified to include both the whole or a partial denial of requests for prior authorization.