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delivery of services by ambulance service providers in this State. The stakeholder group is required to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters no later than February 1, 2023.

LD 1268 An Act To Provide Greater Access to Treatment for Serious Mental Illness by Restricting Prescription Drug Utilization Management by an Insurance Carrier

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 345 requires a health insurance carrier to approve a prior authorization request for medication on the carrier's formulary prescribed to assess or treat an enrollee's serious mental illness. The law also requires a carrier to provide an exception to step therapy protocols for prescription drugs selected by the enrollee's health care provider intended to assess or treat the enrollee's serious mental illness.

The requirements of Public Law 2021, chapter 345 apply to health insurance policies issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022.

LD 1293 An Act To Improve Access to Certain Injectable Medications Approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 271 permits pharmacists licensed within the State to administer to adults injections of drugs approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration upon the order of a licensed practitioner or as part of a collaborative practice agreement.

LD 1311 An Act Regarding the State Employee Health Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 312 changes the name of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Division of State Employee Health Insurance to the Office of Employee Health and Wellness and changes the name of the office head from the Executive Director of Health Insurance to the Executive Director of Employee Health and Wellness.

The law also specifies that the duties of the State Employee Health Commission include providing counsel to the Executive Director of Employee Health and Wellness and the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources on dental insurance and the state living resources program.