

POLICY SUMMARY 2024

**NETWORK ACCESS BILL
(HF384/SF1029)**

The HHS Omnibus included this landmark legislation that allows individuals with a diagnosed rare disease (or a suspected rare disease defined by specific criteria) to receive care from a specialist with expertise in their rare disease without being assessed an out-of-network fee by health plans.

PASSED: Currently in effect

**UNBUNDLING GENE PRODUCTS
FOR RARE DISEASES FROM
CURRENT REIMBURSEMENTS
TO HOSPITALS
(SF4058/HF3664)**

This bill provides separate reimbursement for biological products provided in the inpatient hospital setting as part of cell or gene therapy to treat rare diseases separate from the associated DRG. This increases access to emerging and innovative treatments, allows hospitals to provide gene therapy without significant financial loss, and allows payers to enter into value-based arrangements with manufacturers.

PASSED: Effective July 1st, 2025

**EXPANDED COVERAGE OF
RWGS FOR CRITICALLY ILL
INFANTS WITH SUSPECTED
RARE DISEASE
(SF2445/ HF3330)**

This bill requires commercial payers (including managed care organizations contracted with the State) to cover rapid whole genome sequencing (rWGS) for children under the age of 21 in the ICU, reducing time to diagnosis. Reimbursement must be separate from the DRG/capitated payment.

PASSED: Effective January 1, 2025

**PRIOR AUTHORIZATION
REFORM
(SF3532/ HF3578)**

This bill streamlines prior authorization and requires reporting related to how and when prior authorization is being used by payers. This improves timely access to treatments by reducing some prior authorization requirements, including treatment of a chronic condition.* This authorization does not expire unless the standard of treatment for that health condition changes.

PASSED: Effective January 1st, 2026

*A chronic health condition is defined as: a condition that is expected to last one year or more and:
(1) requires ongoing medical attention to effectively manage the condition or prevent an adverse health event; or
(2) limits one or more activities of daily living.