Honorable John Bel Edwards  
Governor of Louisiana  
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Dear Governor Edwards:

On behalf of the undersigned coalition of patients and healthcare providers across Louisiana, we ask you to please sign HB 263 by Rep. Mike Huval, which passed both the House and Senate unanimously.

HB 263 seeks to update and clarify Louisiana’s long-standing law that provides an avenue for our doctors and other health professionals to advocate for their patients when asking an insurer/PBM to override coverage denials through step therapy or “fail first” protocols.

A decade ago, Louisiana was the first state to address step therapy practices. Since that time, it has become clear that some provisions need updating. With agreement among the various stakeholders, HB 263: 1) ensures step therapy protocols are based on widely accepted medical and clinical guidelines, and 2) creates a clear and expeditious process for patients and providers to request a medical exception to step therapy requirements in certain clinically appropriate circumstances.

Please enact HB 263 to help patients get the right medicine at the right time.

Allergy & Asthma Network  
Alliance for Patient Access  
ALS Association of Louisiana-Mississippi  
American Academy of Dermatology  
American Association of Clinical Urologists  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Heart Association  
Association for Clinical Oncology  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association of Women in Rheumatology  
Coalition of Hematology and Oncology Practice Managers  
Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations  
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation  
Epilepsy Alliance of Louisiana  
Hemophilia Federation of America  
Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians  
Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics  
Louisiana Dermatological Society  
Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation  
Louisiana Psychiatric Medical Association  
Louisiana Society of Interventional Pain Physicians  
Louisiana State Medical Society  
Mended Hearts  
Multiple Sclerosis Association of America  
NAMI Louisiana, National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Hemophilia Foundation  
National Infusion Center Association  
National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Organization for Rare Disorders  
National Psoriasis Foundation  
Pontchartrain Cancer Center  
Rheumatology Alliance of Louisiana  
Rheumatology Nurses Society  
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