

# State Rep. Dan Short Puts Health Claim Denial Legislation on Hold

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Stating that he will await the findings of an Insurance Department investigation over health claim denials by Delaware health insurance providers, State Minority Whip Daniel B. Short (R-Seaford) today announced that he will not be working related legislation this session.

The legislation – House Bill 367 – would require health insurance companies denying coverage for a procedure that is later determined to be medically necessary to reimburse the client for any out-of-pocket expenses, including deductibles and co-pays.

According to Rep. D. Short, “Following Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware’s decision to stop requiring doctors to receive pre-authorization before they could perform a stress test, I believe that steps are being taken in the right direction to make sure Delawareans are not being denied coverage for medically necessary tests.”

Rep. D. Short also stated, “I also think it’s important to await the findings of the Insurance Department’s reported investigation of Delaware’s major health care providers and their pre-authorization practices. If we find that the private health insurers are typically denying coverage for procedures that most would generally agree are medically needed, then one of the first things I will do in January, without hesitation, is reintroduce the legislation. I am trying to give everyone a chance to do their due diligence and find out if the bill is even necessary.”

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