Biologic Coordinators

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Directions: Determine the correct answer to each of the following, based on information derived from the article.

**T**  **F**  
1. **T**  Step therapy rules require patients to try and fail other therapies before being prescribed biologics.
2. **F**  The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 is the federal statute that protects patients against medical malpractice by health care providers.
3. **F**  The American Medical Association and other groups are critical of rules in the prior authorization system.
4. **T**  Biologics are less costly than other medications because of generous government subsidies that considerably reduce their price.
5. **F**  Medical assistants and practice managers cannot be biologic coordinators.
6. **T**  The patient’s health insurance policy is important to review when determining whether a prior authorization request is legitimate.
7. **F**  Biologics prescriptions are sent to specialty pharmacies rather than typical pharmacies.
8. **T**  Health care practices and clinics cannot legally purchase and sell biologics to patients.
9. **T**  Biologic coordinators assist providers and patients with their knowledge of insurance plans’ requirements for medication approval.
10. **T**  Biologics are therapies, products, and medications that use living systems in their production.
11. **T**  Biologics are usually administered orally or by inhalation.
12. **T**  Citing language from the insurance company’s policy can help persuade them to pay for the prescribed medication.

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13. **F**  Only licensed health care providers are legally permitted to prescribe prescription medications.
14. **T**  Specialty pharmacy products have less potential for severe side effects, so they are less closely regulated by the Food and Drug Administration.
15. **F**  Within health insurance coverage, there is usually a separate prescription coverage benefit plan, sometimes offered by another company.
16. **F**  Prior authorization rules are consistent from one insurance carrier to another.
17. **F**  The medications that require prior authorization are usually more expensive.
18. **T**  Prior authorization is limited to specialty biologics and does not apply to other categories of medications.

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