
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 15, 1986

AN ACT

1 Requiring specific patient authorization of medical care in
2 order for medical insurance to reimburse for medical care
3 provided.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Limitation on reimbursements for medical care.

7 (a) General rule.--In order for a medical care provider to
8 be reimbursed by medical insurance, Medicare or Medicaid for
9 medical care provided to a patient, the patient or a person
10 legally competent to act on behalf of a patient shall authorize
11 the treatment before it is provided.

12 (b) Exception.--The general rule set forth in subsection (a)
13 shall not apply to medical care provided in an emergency
14 situation.

15 Section 2. Nature of authorization.

16 General authorization provided, either by the patient or by a
17 person legally competent to act on behalf of a patient, upon the

1 patient's admission to a hospital for medical treatment shall be
2 insufficient to meet the requirements of section 1.

3 Authorization shall be specific, in writing and separate for
4 each medical provider who renders medical services to the
5 patient and who seeks separate reimbursement for those services
6 provided.

7 Section 3. Effective date.

8 This act shall take effect in 30 days.