

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1842 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY WHEATLEY, CUTLER, ADOLPH, BAKER, BARRAR, BEAR, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, BRADFORD, BRIGGS, BROWN, COHEN, CRUZ, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, DRUCKER, ELLIS, FABRIZIO, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GALLOWAY, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, HARKINS, HARPER, HENNESSEY, HORNAMAN, KILLION, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, MANDERINO, MANN, McGEEHAN, McILVAINE SMITH, MENSCH, MICOZZIE, MOUL, MYERS, OLIVER, PAYTON, PETRI, PHILLIPS, PRESTON, QUINN, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROSS, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, SWANGER, R. TAYLOR, THOMAS, WATERS, WATSON, WILLIAMS AND YOUNGBLOOD, JULY 9, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, JULY 9, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," providing for electronic
4 prior approval for Medicaid.

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

7 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
8 as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by adding a section to
9 read:

10 Section 450. Electronic Prior Approval Process.--The
11 Medicaid program shall have an electronic prior approval process
12 in place by January 1, 2010, for use by physicians to secure
13 approval of nonpreferred drugs. The department shall draft
14 guidelines to update lists and processes on a regular basis in
15 order to best meet the needs of the citizens of this

1 Commonwealth.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.