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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
JUNE 13, 2008

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 medical
4 assistance reimbursements for organ transplant drugs.

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 449.1. Medical Assistance Reimbursements for Organ
11 Transplant Drugs.--(a) The department shall publish a notice in
12 the Pennsylvania Bulletin listing the guidelines for medical
13 assistance reimbursement of immunosuppressive drugs. These
14 guidelines shall include the limiting of prior authorization,
15 step therapy, generic substitution and notification and consent
16 requirements for the patient and the physician when prescribing
17 immunosuppressive drugs.

18 (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit, hinder or alter

1 the medical assistance program from renegotiating supplemental
2 rebates for the use of immunosuppressive drugs.

3 (c) As used in this section, "immunosuppressive drug" means
4 a drug that is used in immunosuppressive therapy to inhibit or
5 prevent activity of the immune system, and is used to prevent
6 the rejection of transplanted organs and tissue.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.