

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 396

Session of
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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. TADDONIO, ZORD, DiCARLO, POTT, MRKONIC AND
KNEPPER, FEBRUARY 20, 1979

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 23, 1979

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 prior
4 authorization for certain medical assistance services.

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 443.7. Prior Authorization.--The department may
11 develop regulations requiring prior authorization of medical
12 equipment, prescription drugs, oxygen, supportive braces,
13 specific dental services and orthopedic shoes, but not limited
14 thereto. Such regulations may establish procedures for issuing
15 prior authorization at whatever administrative level the
16 department THROUGH THE SECRETARY deems appropriate. <—
17 APPROPRIATENESS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY AFTER <—
18 HEARINGS HAVE BEEN HELD AND PUBLIC INPUT IS RECEIVED.

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