

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 1842 Session of 2009

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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, YOUNGBLOOD AND MURT, JULY 9, 2009

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JULY 2, 2010

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## 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 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FEE FOR SERVICE PROGRAM  
12 shall have an electronic prior approval process in place by  
13 January 1, 2010, 60 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
14 SECTION for use by physicians to secure approval of ALL



1 PREFERRED AND nonpreferred drugs. NONPREFERRED DRUGS PRESCRIBED ←  
2 BY PENNSYLVANIA LICENSED PHYSICIANS SPECIALIZING IN THE FIELD OF  
3 PSYCHIATRY SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM PRIOR AUTHORIZATION  
4 REQUIREMENTS. The department shall draft guidelines to update  
5 lists and processes on a regular basis in order to best meet the  
6 needs of the citizens of this Commonwealth.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in ~~60~~ 180 days. ←