

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1317 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY CUTLER, WHEATLEY, BARRAR, BEAR, BENNINGHOFF,
 R. BROWN, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, ELLIS, FABRIZIO, GEIST,
 HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, MURT, MUSTIO, PICKETT, QUINN,
 REICHLLEY, SWANGER AND WAGNER, MAY 5, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 5, 2011

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 Medical
 11 Assistance Fee for Service Program shall have an electronic
 12 prior approval process in place 60 days after the effective date
 13 of this section for use by physicians to secure approval of all
 14 preferred and nonpreferred drugs. Nonpreferred drugs prescribed
 15 by Pennsylvania licensed physicians specializing in the field of
 16 psychiatry shall be exempt from prior authorization
 17 requirements. The department shall draft guidelines to update
 18 lists and processes on a regular basis in order to best meet the

1 needs of the citizens of this Commonwealth.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.