

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1317 Session of 2011

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NOVEMBER 2, 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~~ ONE HUNDRED TWENTY days after ←
13 the effective date of this section for use by physicians to
14 secure approval of ~~all~~ ANY preferred and nonpreferred drugs ←
15 REQUIRING PRIOR APPROVAL. ~~Nonpreferred~~ PREFERRED AND ←
16 NONPREFERRED drugs prescribed by Pennsylvania licensed
17 physicians specializing in the field of psychiatry shall be

1 exempt from prior authorization requirements. The department
2 shall draft guidelines to update lists and processes on a
3 regular basis in order to best meet the needs of the citizens of
4 this Commonwealth.

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