

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 83



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by: SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to require that (1) the waiver 2 negotiated and implemented in December 2022, that allows patients to 3 step down to a skilled nursing facility before they can guarantee 4 payment from insurance companies, remains in force until the Office of 5 Health Strategy conducts a study and submits a report, including 6 recommendations to improve prior authorizations, to the joint standing 7 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters 8 relating to insurance and public health, and (2) insurers accept prior 9 authorizations electronically.

Statement of Purpose:

To require that (1) the waiver negotiated and implemented in December 2022, that allows patients to step down to a skilled nursing facility before they can guarantee payment from insurance companies, remains in force until the Office of Health Strategy conducts a study and submits a report concerning prior authorization issues for health care provider

services in the state, and (2) insurers accept prior authorizations electronically.