

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS35188-LN-53 (2/8)

Short Title: Medicaid: No Preauth. for Certain Drugs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Dalton.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SHALL NOT IMPOSE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS ON CERTAIN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall not establish prior authorization requirements or other restrictions under the State Medical Assistance Program for FDA-approved medications indicated for the treatment of life-threatening respiratory conditions due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or stroke. In developing a disease management program, the Department of Health and Human Services shall include initiatives that positively impact COPD and stroke-related health care costs.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.