

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1128

Short Title: Medicaid: No Preauth. for Certain Drugs.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Dalton.

Referred to: Health Care.

March 24, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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