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Proposed Bill No. 147

LCO No. 949

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PREFERRED DRUG LISTS AND
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT'S PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAMS.**

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

- 1 That section 17b-274d of the general statutes be amended to require
2 the Commissioner of Social Services to implement measures that: (1)
3 Ensure an expedited prior authorization process complete with a
4 timely appeals procedure, (2) provide beneficiaries with an adequate
5 supply of originally prescribed medications pending an appeal
6 contesting the denial of a prescribed brand name drug, (3) limit the
7 necessity of prior authorization for individuals requiring the same
8 prescription drugs, and (4) evaluate the effectiveness of preferred drug
9 lists with a focus on the ability of program beneficiaries to access
10 prescribed medications.

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Social Services to implement measures
that ensure that the department's prescription drug program
beneficiaries are not being denied access to needed prescription drugs

due to the implementation of prior authorization requirements or the utilization of preferred drug lists.