

House Bill 1500

By: Representatives Henson of the 55th, Benfield of the 56th, Post 1, Drenner of the 57th,
Buckner of the 82nd, Powell of the 23rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to prohibit the requirement of prior
3 authorization or other restrictions on medications prescribed for patients receiving treatment
4 for certain medical conditions under a Medicaid or any state funded health care program; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
10 "49-4-152.5.

11 For patients who are enrolled in a Medicaid or any state funded health care program, no
12 prior authorizations or other restrictions may be required for medications prescribed for the
13 treatment of organ or tissue transplantation, cancer, convulsive disorders, Hepatitis-C, or
14 HIV/acquired immune deficiency syndrome or for schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or major
15 depressive disorders, as defined by the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical
16 Manual of the American Psychiatry Association."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.