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S 1128. MEDICAID: NO PREAUTH. FOR CERTAIN DRUGS. *TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SHALL NOT IMPOSE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS ON CERTAIN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.* As title indicates, applies to FDA-approved medications for the treatment of life-threatening respiratory conditions due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or stroke. Also requires that in developing a disease management program, Dep't include initiatives that positively affect COPD and stroke-related health care costs.

Intro. by Dalton.

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