

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2653

Introduced by Assembly Member Saldana

February 19, 2010

An act relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2653, as introduced, Saldana. Medi-Cal: treatment authorization requests.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, and pursuant to which, health care services are provided to qualified low-income persons.

Under existing law, one of the utilization controls to which services are subject under the Medi-Cal program is the treatment authorization request (TAR) process, under which approval is required by a department consultant in advance of the rendering of that service, based upon a determination of medical necessity. Existing law requires the department to pursue means to improve and streamline the TAR process.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would implement reforms to the Medi-Cal treatment authorization request process, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would implement reforms to the Medi-Cal treatment

- 1 authorization request process administered by the State Department
- 2 of Health Care Services in the manner suggested in report number
- 3 2009-112 by the Bureau of State Audits, that is due to be released
- 4 in May 2010.

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