

House Bill 35

By: Representatives Broadrick of the 4th, Harden of the 148th, and Stephens of the 164th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 64 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, so as to require confirmation of
3 receipt of prior approval requests for prescription drugs within 48 hours; to provide for
4 applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 64 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and
9 licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, is amended by adding a new Code section to read
10 as follows:

11 "33-64-10.

12 (a) A pharmacy benefits manager shall provide confirmation of receipt of a request for
13 prior approval for a prescription drug to a pharmacy or a pharmacy's contracting
14 representative or agent within 48 hours of receipt of such request from such pharmacy or
15 pharmacy's contracting representative or agent. The confirmation of receipt shall include
16 a claim reference number and return contact phone number for follow-up.

17 (b) This Code section shall only apply to health insurance plans established under Article
18 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 or under Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49, the 'Georgia Medical
19 Assistance Act of 1977.'"

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.