

## HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: CS/HB's 1927 & 961, 1st Eng. (CS/SB 2472 & 1892, 1st Eng.) [H1927.HMS]  
SPONSOR: Health Care Services Committee  
SUBJECT: Managed Health Care  
PREPARED BY: Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee  
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### I. Amendments Contained in Message

Amendment #082629 to Senate Amendment 875086 (with title amendment)

### II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

#### **#082629**

The amendment by the House modifies Implementing Bill language related to reductions taken in the budget in the Medicaid pharmacy program. The change to the language has been requested by the Governor's office to allow the Agency for Health Care Administration to achieve the budget reductions reflected in the General Appropriations Act for 1999-2000. The language has been somewhat modified to allow the President and Speaker to each make three appointments to a panel of health care professionals to advise the Agency on this issue. The language allows the Agency to determine which practitioners who are prescribing inappropriately or inefficiently must have their prescribing of certain drugs subject to prior authorization. The House has agreed to this language and has worked with the Governor's office to draft this compromise with regard to the appointments.