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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUALITY OF SERVICES FOR
RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES UNDER A MEDICAID WAIVER.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) There is established a
2 commission on managing and improving services for Medicaid
3 recipients. The commission shall be comprised of the chairpersons and
4 ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General
5 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services, the
6 Commissioner of Social Services and six members of the public
7 knowledgeable about health care services, one each appointed by the
8 president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of
9 Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the majority leader
10 of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and
11 the minority leader of the House of Representatives. The commission
12 shall investigate ways to improve the quality of services provided to
13 recipients of medical assistance pursuant to federal Medicaid waivers
14 by coordinating care, certifying and tracking providers, improving
15 provider training and increasing retention of providers' employees.

16 Sec. 2. Section 17b-278a of the general statutes is repealed and the

17 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

18 The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid state
19 plan to provide coverage for treatment for smoking cessation ordered
20 by a licensed health care professional who possesses valid and current
21 state licensure to prescribe such drugs. [in accordance with a plan
22 developed by the commissioner to provide smoking cessation services.
23 The commissioner shall present such plan to the joint standing
24 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
25 relating to human services and appropriations by January 1, 2003, and,
26 if such plan is approved by said committees and funding is provided
27 in the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, such plan shall
28 be implemented on July 1, 2003. If the initial treatment provided to the
29 patient for smoking cessation, as allowed by the plan, is not successful
30 as determined by a licensed health care professional, all prescriptive
31 options for smoking cessation shall be available to the patient.]

32 Sec. 3. Section 17b-260c of the general statutes is repealed and the
33 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

34 [The] Not later than September 1, 2009, the Commissioner of Social
35 Services shall apply for a Medicaid waiver, pursuant to Section 1115 of
36 the Social Security Act, for the purpose of providing coverage for
37 family planning services to adults in households with income that does
38 not exceed one hundred eighty-five per cent of the federal poverty
39 level and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid services. If the
40 commissioner fails to apply for such waiver by said date, the
41 commissioner shall, not later than September 15, 2009, submit a written
42 report in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing
43 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
44 relating to human services explaining the reasons for such failure.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	17b-278a
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	17b-260c

Statement of Purpose:

To improve services for Medicaid beneficiaries, including improvement of the quality of services provided to recipients of state services under federal Medicaid waivers by coordinating care, certifying and tracking providers, improving provider training and reducing turn-over of providers' employees.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]