



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 297**

January Session, 2011

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**AN ACT CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEDICAID STATE PLAN UNDER SECTION 1915(I) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT TO PROVIDE HOME CARE SERVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social  
2 Services shall seek to amend the Medicaid state plan pursuant to  
3 Section 1915(i) of the Social Security Act to improve access to home  
4 and community-based services for persons who are eligible to receive  
5 services provided under the state-funded home care program for the  
6 elderly, established pursuant to subsection (i) of section 17b-342 of the  
7 general statutes, by using needs-based eligibility criteria. The  
8 commissioner may amend a previously submitted waiver application  
9 submitted under Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act if necessary  
10 to implement the provisions of this section.

11 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social  
12 Services shall submit an application in accordance with the State  
13 Balancing Incentive Payment Program, established pursuant to Section  
14 10202 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148,  
15 to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to increase the  
16 state's federal matching assistance payments for Medicaid home and  
17 community-based services. The commissioner shall make the  
18 administrative changes required in accordance with the terms of said  
19 program including, but not limited to: (1) The establishment of a no

20 wrong door-single entry point system to enable consumers to gain  
21 access to information on services available, including referral services,  
22 and to receive an assessment to determine eligibility for various  
23 programs; (2) the provision of conflict-free case management services  
24 to develop individual service plans and to arrange for and conduct  
25 ongoing monitoring of services; and (3) the utilization of a core  
26 standardized assessment instrument to determine eligibility and  
27 appropriate services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**FIN**      *Joint Favorable*