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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASING HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE FOR ELDERLY MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.

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. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social Services
12 shall submit an application in accordance with the State Balancing
13 Incentive Payment Program, established pursuant to Section 10202 of
14 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, to the
15 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to increase the state's
16 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

Statement of Purpose:

To expand access to home and community-based care for elderly recipients of Medicaid.

[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.]