



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1086

January Session, 2013



AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY LONG-TERM CARE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section, (1)
2 "Community First Choice Option" means a Medicaid state plan option
3 available under the Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended
4 from time to time, which offers states enhanced federal Medicaid
5 reimbursement to provide eligible individuals with home and
6 community-based services, (2) "eligible individual" means a person
7 eligible for Medicaid who, but for the provision of home and
8 community-based services, would require care in an institution, and
9 (3) "institution" means a hospital, nursing facility, intermediate care
10 facility for persons with mental retardation, psychiatric institution for
11 persons under twenty-one years of age or a facility that provides
12 persons sixty-five years of age and older with treatment for mental
13 diseases.

14 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall conduct a fiscal
15 analysis of the benefits and costs of establishing a Community First
16 Choice Option in the Medicaid state plan for eligible individuals. The
17 fiscal analysis shall be based on (1) actual state expenditures on
18 existing home and community-based Medicaid waiver programs, (2)
19 the number of persons on waiting lists for such waiver programs who
20 would qualify for the Community First Choice Option, (3) current

21 waiver program services that would qualify for higher federal
22 reimbursement under the Community First Choice Option, (4)
23 administrative costs associated with the Community First Choice
24 Option compared to such costs in existing waiver programs, and (5)
25 savings the state would realize under the Community First Choice
26 Option.

27 (c) Not later than January 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Social
28 Services shall submit a report on the results of the fiscal analysis, in
29 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
30 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
31 cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations
32 and the budgets of state agencies. If savings exceed costs, the
33 Commissioner of Social Services shall, pursuant to section 17b-8 of the
34 general statutes, seek a Medicaid state plan amendment not later than
35 February 1, 2014, to implement the Community First Choice Option.

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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The first sentence of section 1(c) was redrafted to conform with the style of the general statutes.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*