



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 282

LCO No. 2478



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR BARIATRIC SURGERY AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG TREATMENT OF OBESITY.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Bariatric surgery" means surgical changes to the digestive system
3 to help an obese patient lose weight;
- 4 (2) "Body mass index" means the number calculated by dividing an
5 individual's weight in kilograms by the individual's height in meters
6 squared;
- 7 (3) "Severe obesity" means a body mass index that is:
- 8 (A) Greater than forty; or
- 9 (B) Thirty-five or more if an individual has been diagnosed with a
10 comorbid disease or condition, including, but not limited to, a
11 cardiopulmonary condition, diabetes, hypertension or sleep apnea; and
- 12 (4) "Obese" means a body mass index of thirty or higher.

13 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall provide medical
14 assistance for (1) bariatric surgery for Medicaid and HUSKY B
15 beneficiaries with severe obesity, and (2) prescription drug treatment of
16 obese Medicaid and HUSKY B beneficiaries with a body mass index
17 greater than thirty-five, provided such beneficiaries otherwise meet
18 conditions set by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for
19 such surgery and prescription drug treatment. If necessary, the
20 commissioner may amend the Medicaid state plan and the state plan for
21 the Children's Health Insurance Program to implement the provisions
22 of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Social Services to provide medical assistance for bariatric surgery and prescription drug treatment of obesity.

[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.]