



General Assembly

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 315

File No. 257

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"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC MODEL IN THE MEDICAID PROGRAM."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, (1)
4 "certified community behavioral health clinic" means a clinic certified
5 by the state that offers behavioral health services, including, but not
6 limited to, (A) recovery-oriented person and family-centered substance
7 abuse and mental health services offered within and outside the clinic,
8 (B) expanded service hours, (C) timely access for routine needs, (D)
9 access to twenty-four-hour crisis management services, (E) peer support
10 and counseling services, (F) screening, assessment, diagnosis and risk
11 assessment, (G) outpatient primary care screening and monitoring of
12 key health indicators and risks, and (H) partnerships with a range of
13 health and social service providers to provide access to services.

14 (b) Not later than October 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Social

15 Services, in consultation with the Commissioners of Mental Health and
 16 Addiction Services and Children and Families, shall, within available
 17 appropriations, seek federal approval for a planning grant for a
 18 Medicaid demonstration program supporting certified community
 19 behavioral health clinics throughout the state pursuant to Section 223 of
 20 the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014, P.L. 113-93, as amended
 21 by section 11001 of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, P.L. 117-15.

22 (c) If the planning grant receives federal approval, not later than
 23 January first annually, for the duration of the planning period, the
 24 Commissioner of Social Services shall file a report, in accordance with
 25 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, with the joint
 26 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 27 matters relating to human services and public health on the plan's
 28 progress."

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