

House Bill 428

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to direct the Department of Community Health  
3 to provide children with 12 months of continuous eligibility for Medicaid and the PeachCare  
4 for Kids Program; to require the department to apply for a state plan amendment or waiver;  
5 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "49-4-159.2.

11 (a) The department shall provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for Medicaid and the  
12 PeachCare for Kids Program created by Code Section 49-5-273 to children from birth  
13 through 18 years of age.

14 (b) No later than January 1, 2024, the department shall submit a Medicaid state plan  
15 amendment or waiver request to the federal Department of Health and Human Services to  
16 implement subsection (a) of this Code section."

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**SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.