THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1435 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY CERRATO, PROBST, HOWARD, SANCHEZ, WAXMAN, OTTEN, PIELLI, McNEILL, HANBIDGE, HILL-EVANS, GUENST, HOHENSTEIN, T. DAVIS AND FLEMING, MAY 8, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MAY 8, 2025

AN ACT

- 1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
- act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
- welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,
- 4 providing for payments for extraordinary personal care
- 5 services.
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
- 9 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to
- 10 read:
- 11 Section 443.16. Payments for Extraordinary Personal Care
- 12 Services.--(a) The department shall seek a waiver from the
- 13 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States
- 14 Department of Health and Human Services to permit payment for
- 15 <u>extraordinary personal care services provided by a legally</u>
- 16 responsible relative to a Medical Assistance recipient when the
- 17 personal care service is a covered service. The department shall
- 18 <u>implement this section subject to Federal approval.</u>
- 19 <u>(b) The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee shall</u>

- 1 conduct a study to review the costs to the Commonwealth of the
- 2 <u>implementation of any waiver under subsection (a) that occurs</u>
- 3 <u>during the two-year period after the waiver is approved. Within</u>
- 4 three years of the implementation of a waiver under subsection
- 5 (a), the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee shall issue a
- 6 report containing the findings of the study to the following:
- 7 (1) The Governor.
- 8 (2) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Health
- 9 and Human Services Committee of the Senate.
- 10 (3) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Health
- 11 <u>Committee of the House of Representatives.</u>
- 12 (4) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Human
- 13 <u>Services Committee of the House of Representatives.</u>
- 14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.