

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, JUNE 5, 2025

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An  
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public  
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,  
4 further providing for copayments for subsidized child care.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 408.3(c)(3.1), (3.2)(ii), (4) and (8)(i)  
8 and (e) of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as  
9 the Human Services Code, are amended to read:

10 Section 408.3. Copayments for Subsidized Child Care.--\* \* \*

11 (c) In establishing the copayment amounts pursuant to this  
12 section, all of the following shall apply:

13 \* \* \*

14 (3.1) At initial application, the family's annual income may  
15 not exceed two hundred three percent of the Federal poverty  
16 income guidelines.

17 (3.2) After an initial determination or redetermination of

1 eligibility, a child shall continue to be enrolled in subsidized  
2 child care for twelve months regardless of either of the  
3 following:

4 \* \* \*

5 (ii) An increase in the family's annual income, if the  
6 income does not exceed [eighty-five] eighty-eight percent of the  
7 State median income for a family of the same size.

8 (4) Subject to subsection (e), a family's annual copayment  
9 under either paragraph (1) or (2) shall not exceed:

10 (i) eight percent of the family's annual income if the  
11 family's annual income is one hundred three percent of the  
12 Federal poverty income guideline or less;

13 (ii) eleven percent of the family's annual income if the  
14 family's annual income exceeds one hundred three percent of the  
15 Federal poverty income guideline, but is not more than two  
16 hundred [fifty] fifty-three percent of the Federal poverty  
17 income guideline;

18 (iii) thirteen percent of the family's annual income if the  
19 family's annual income exceeds two hundred [fifty] fifty-three  
20 percent of the Federal poverty income guideline, but is not more  
21 than two hundred [seventy-five] seventy-eight percent of the  
22 Federal poverty income guideline; or

23 (iv) beginning after July 1, 2017, fifteen percent of the  
24 family's annual income if the family's annual income exceeds two  
25 hundred [seventy-five] seventy-eight percent of the Federal  
26 poverty income guideline, but is not more than three hundred  
27 five percent of the Federal poverty income guideline or [eighty-  
28 five] eighty-eight percent of the State median income, whichever  
29 is lower.

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1       (8) A family that has previously qualified for a deduction  
2 in the child care copayment shall continue to remain eligible  
3 for the copayment deduction if:

4       (i) the family's annual income does not exceed three hundred  
5 three percent of the Federal poverty income guideline or  
6 [~~eighty-five~~] eighty-eight percent of the State median income,  
7 whichever is lower;

8       \* \* \*

9       (e) To the extent that money is appropriated for the  
10 purpose, the department shall increase eligibility under  
11 subsection (c)(4) for subsidized child care from two hundred  
12 [~~thirty-five~~] thirty-eight percent of the Federal poverty income  
13 guideline up to three hundred three percent of the Federal  
14 poverty income guideline and shall apply a copayment deduction  
15 under subsection (c)(6). The department shall not be required to  
16 maintain eligibility above two hundred [~~thirty-five~~] thirty-  
17 eight percent of the Federal poverty income guideline or apply a  
18 copayment deduction unless funding is appropriated by the  
19 General Assembly.

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21       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.