THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY STAMBAUGH, RYAN, ROTHMAN, JAMES, GROVE, HAMM, SAYLOR AND KEEFER, MARCH 9, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 9, 2022

AN ACT

- 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, 2
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- providing for waivers to be requested for medical assistance. 4
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
- as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to 8
- 9 read:
- 10 Section 443.13. Waivers to be Requested for Medical
- 11 Assistance. -- (a) The department shall request Federal approval
- 12 from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the
- 13 <u>United States Department of Health and Human Services for a</u>
- 14 demonstration waiver under section 1115 of the Social Security
- Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 1315) to enable the department 15
- 16 to:
- 17 (1) Prohibit re-enrollment and deny eligibility for up to
- 18 six months for nondisabled, nonpregnant adults between nineteen
- and sixty-four years of age who fail to report changes in 19

- 1 circumstances that affect their eligibility for medical
- 2 assistance.
- 3 (2) Redetermine the medical assistance eligibility of an
- 4 <u>individual covered under this waiver once every six months</u>
- 5 <u>instead of once every twelve months.</u>
- 6 (3) Suspend the medical assistance requirement to renew
- 7 <u>eliqibility automatically based on available information and</u>
- 8 <u>suspend the medical assistance requirement to use a prepopulated</u>
- 9 <u>renewal form.</u>
- 10 (b) The following apply to approval:
- 11 (1) The department shall report receipt of approval of any
- 12 waiver submitted under subsection (a) to the following:
- 13 <u>(i) The Attorney General.</u>
- 14 <u>(ii) The Auditor General.</u>
- 15 (iii) The Office of Inspector General.
- 16 (iv) The members of the General Assembly.
- 17 (v) The Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the
- 18 Pennsylvania Bulletin of the notice of approval of the waiver.
- 19 (2) The department shall adopt rules necessary to implement
- 20 and administer this section.
- 21 (c) If Federal approval for any waiver under subsection (a)
- 22 is denied, the department shall resubmit a request for approval
- 23 of the waiver within twenty-four months of the original denial
- 24 and each subsequent denial thereafter.
- 25 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.