HOUSE BILL 1228

By Bass

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to benefits under medical assistance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-106, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(r) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, certified nursing assistant services for an eligible individual who is quadriplegic with autonomic dysreflexia, subject to frequent blood testing and required to be on a catheter, with household income of less than forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) that has two (2) or more minor dependents and a spouse who works outside the home shall be a medical service covered under any medical assistance provided under this chapter, including, but not limited to, any medical assistance provided pursuant to any federal waiver of any of the provisions of Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act. If the commissioner deems it necessary in order to comply with the terms of any existing federal waiver on the effective date of this act, the commissioner shall seek any necessary federal waiver or amendment to an existing federal waiver in order to implement this subsection (r).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.