

A BILL

21-985

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



To amend, on a temporary basis, the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to define the term medical respite services, to require a provider of medical respite services to provide 24 hour notice before a placement will end, and to exempt medical respite services from the transfer, suspension, termination, and hearing requirements of the Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Medical Respite Services Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2016”.

Sec. 2. The Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-751.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 4-751.01) is amended by adding new paragraph (26A) to read as follows:

“(26A) “Medical respite services” means services that provide limited-time acute and post-acute 24-hour residential care that is provided 7 days a week to eligible individuals who are:

“(1) Homeless; and

“(2) Determined by a qualified medical professional, licensed in the District and regulated by and subject to the grievance processes of the appropriate professional licensing board, to require medical assistance.”.

29 (b) Section 19 (D.C. Official Code § 4-754.33) is amended by adding a new subsection  
30 (b-2) to read as follows:

31 “(b-2) All providers shall give to any client receiving medical respite services prompt  
32 oral and written notice that the client no longer requires medical respite services and that the  
33 placement will end within 24 hours following receipt of the written notice.”.

34 (c) A new section 29a is added to read as follows:

35 “29a. Medical respite services; exemptions.

36 “Medical respite services shall be exempt from the requirements of section 9(a)(15), (16),  
37 and (18), and sections 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27.”.

38 3. Fiscal impact statement.

39 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact  
40 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved  
41 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

42 Sec. 4. Effective date.

43 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by  
44 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review  
45 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
46 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-602.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
47 Columbia Register.

48 (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.