

HB1120/759335/1

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1120
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 11 down through “website” in line 14 and substitute “requiring the Department to ensure Medicare-eligible retirees have access to certain services; requiring the Department to develop a certain plan for communicating to Medicare-eligible retirees the availability of certain programs and services; requiring the Department to submit a report on the plan by a certain date; requiring the report to include certain information”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 10, in line 27, strike “MAY 31” and substitute “DECEMBER 31”.

On page 11, in lines 26 and 27, strike “JUNE 1, 2019” and substitute “JANUARY 1, 2020”.

On page 14, in line 13, strike “RECOMMENDED OR”; and strike beginning with “THE” in line 21 down through “OF” in line 22 and substitute “ANY ADDITIONAL RESOURCES MADE AVAILABLE BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH”.

On pages 14 and 15, strike beginning with “PROVIDE” in line 23 on page 14 down through “PERSON” in line 28 on page 15 and substitute “ENSURE MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREES HAVE ACCESS TO ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING SERVICES TO ASSIST RETIREES IN SELECTING A MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT PLAN”.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN TO COMMUNICATE TO MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREES THE AVAILABILITY OF:

(Over)

(I) THE PROGRAMS UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D), (E), AND (F) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(II) SERVICES AND INFORMATION REGARDING PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT PLANS UNDER MEDICARE.

(3) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2019, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE PLAN DEVELOPED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(4) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING, INCLUDING:

1. IN-PERSON, OVER-THE-PHONE, OR WEB-BASED COUNSELING;

2. THE TIMES AT WHICH ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING WILL BE AVAILABLE;

3. A PLAN TO ENSURE EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC ACCESS TO ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING; AND

4. ENTERING INTO A STATEWIDE CONTRACT WITH AN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR OR SIMILAR ENTITY TO PROVIDE ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING SERVICES;

(II) PLANS FOR HOLDING SEMINARS IN EVERY COUNTY OF THE STATE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR AND AVAILABLE BENEFITS UNDER THE PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D), (E), AND (F) OF THIS SECTION;

(III) PLANS FOR PROVIDING ACCESS TO A WEB-BASED OVERVIEW AND INTERACTIVE WEBSITE THAT PROVIDE INFORMATION ON:

1. MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT PLANS;
AND

2. SUBSIDY AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS; AND

(IV) PLANS FOR PROVIDING A TOLL-FREE HOTLINE FOR REPORTING ISSUES AND CONCERNS REGARDING THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH”.

On page 16, in line 17, strike “STATUS OF PROCURING A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE THE” and substitute “AVAILABILITY OF”; and in line 18, strike “IN” and substitute “UNDER”.

On page 18, in line 3, strike “May” and substitute “September”; and in line 10, strike “May” and substitute “December”.