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PROBST, O'MARA AND MALAGARI, JULY 30, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, JULY 30, 2024

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 definitions and for copayments for
5 subsidized child care.

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

8 Section 1. Section 402 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
9 No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding
10 definitions to read:

11 Section 402. Definitions.--As used in this article, unless
12 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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14 "Child care" means the supervision of children who are
15 younger than sixteen years of age and who are away from the
16 home, which is provided in lieu of parental supervision for part
17 of the twenty-four-hour day. The term does not include the
18 supervision of children provided in a place of worship during

1 religious services or by a social service organization.

2 "Child-care center" means a premises, certified by the
3 department, where child care is provided at any one time for
4 seven or more children unrelated to the operator of the
5 premises.

6 "Child-care employe" means an individual who provides child
7 care in a family child-care home or child-care center.

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9 "Family child-care home" means a residence where child care
10 is provided by the occupier of the residence to no less than
11 four children and no more than six children at a time where none
12 of the children are related to the occupier who provides the
13 child care.

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15 Section 2. Section 408.3(a) of the act is amended and
16 subsection (c) is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

17 Section 408.3. Copayments for Subsidized Child Care.--(a)
18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law or departmental
19 regulation, the parent or caretaker of a child enrolled in
20 subsidized child care shall pay a copayment for the subsidized
21 child care based on a percentage of the family's annual income,
22 or the status of the parent or caretaker of a child enrolled in
23 subsidized child care as a child-care employe or as a direct
24 support professional employed by a child-care center or family
25 child-care home, as specified in a copayment schedule
26 established by the department pursuant to this section.

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

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1 (3.3) A family in which the parent or caretaker is a child-
2 care employe or a direct support professional employed by a
3 child-care center or family child-care home shall be eligible
4 for subsidized child care, regardless of the family's annual
5 income according to the following:

6 (i) The copayment for a family in which the parent or
7 caretaker is a child-care employe or a direct support
8 professional employed by a child-care center or family child-
9 care home amount shall not exceed fifteen percent of the
10 family's annual income.

11 (ii) If a child-care employe or direct support professional
12 employed by a child-care center or family child-care home
13 qualifies for subsidized child care based on the percentage of
14 the family's annual income, the copayment amount shall follow
15 the guidelines for families which are eligible for subsidized
16 child care based on income but which do not have a parent or
17 caretaker who is a child-care employe or direct support
18 professional employed by a child-care center or family child-
19 care home.

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21 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.