

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 331 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY STAMBAUGH, HAMM, ZIMMERMAN, GROVE, JAMES, GLEIM, FLICK AND WARNER, MARCH 13, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MARCH 13, 2023

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 providing for waivers to be requested for medical assistance.

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
 8 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to
 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 United States Department of Health and Human Services for a
 14 demonstration waiver under 42 U.S.C. § 1315 (relating to
 15 demonstration projects) to enable the department to:

16 (1) Prohibit re-enrollment and deny eligibility for up to
 17 six months for nondisabled, nonpregnant adults between nineteen
 18 and sixty-four years of age who fail to report changes in
 19 circumstances that affect their eligibility for medical

1 assistance.

2 (2) Redetermine the medical assistance eligibility of an
3 individual covered under this waiver once every six months
4 instead of once every twelve months.

5 (3) Suspend the medical assistance requirement to renew
6 eligibility automatically based on available information and
7 suspend the medical assistance requirement to use a prepopulated
8 renewal form.

9 (b) The following apply to approval:

10 (1) The department shall report receipt of approval of any
11 waiver submitted under subsection (a) to the following:

12 (i) The Attorney General.

13 (ii) The Auditor General.

14 (iii) The Office of Inspector General.

15 (iv) The members of the General Assembly.

16 (v) The Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the
17 Pennsylvania Bulletin of the notice of approval of the waiver.

18 (2) The department shall adopt rules necessary to implement
19 and administer this section.

20 (c) If Federal approval for any waiver under subsection (a)
21 is denied, the department shall resubmit a request for approval
22 of the waiver within twenty-four months of the original denial
23 and each subsequent denial thereafter.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.