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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Introduced By: Senators Perry, Crowley, Tassoni, Doyle, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: March 10, 2011

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 40-8 of the General Laws entitled "Medical Assistance" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **40-8-17.1. Rhode Island center care program. -- (a) The department of human services,**  
4 **in conjunction with the executive office of health and human services shall seek approval under**  
5 **the department's section 1115(a) global demonstration waiver and with authority under section**  
6 **1903 of the social security act to operate a center care program demonstration project in**  
7 **accordance with subsection (c).**

8 **(b) Contingent upon approval of the waiver submitted pursuant to subsection (a), there**  
9 **shall exist a center care program within the State of Rhode Island.**

10 **(c) The center care program shall be a health benefit program offering primary care**  
11 **benefits to uninsured adults without children whose income is equal to or less than one hundred**  
12 **thirty-three percent (133%) of the federal poverty level. The program shall be operated through a**  
13 **primary care network comprised of the state's community health centers and administered**  
14 **through the state's Medicaid managed care plans. Enrollees in the center care program shall be**  
15 **required to choose a primary care clinician at one of the state's community health centers and**  
16 **receive primary and preventative care benefits including, but not limited to, routine checkups,**  
17 **immunizations, chronic disease management, care coordination, and vision screenings.**

18 **(d) The director of the department of human services may adopt rules and regulations as**  
19 **necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section and shall administer the center care program**

1 as allowed by federal law or waiver.

2 (e) The center care program shall be funded as provided for in the state budget and with  
3 available federal funding. The director is authorized and directed to apply for federal funds to  
4 establish and operate the center care program.

5 (f) The center care program shall expire January 1, 2014.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This act would establish a center care program offering primary care benefits to
- 2 uninsured adults without children whose income is equal to or less than one hundred thirty-three
- 3 percent (133%) of the federal poverty level.
- 4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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