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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Assembly Bill 934

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The bill modifies requirements relating to enrollment and eligibility for the Medical Assistance (MA) program administered by the Department of Health Services (DHS). Among its changes, the bill prohibits DHS from automatically renewing recipients for the program. Additionally, in collecting information from an applicant or recipient, DHS is prohibited from using prepopulated forms or supplying information other than names and addresses.

The bill requires DHS to re-determine the eligibility status of each MA recipient every six months, and to enter data-sharing agreements for certain purposes, as specified in the bill. The bill requires DHS to promptly remove from eligibility any individual who has been determined to be ineligible for the MA program. Under the bill, if a recipient fails to timely report a change related to their eligibility, they are ineligible for MA benefits for six months from the date of discovery.

The bill provides that if any provision would cause the state to lose enhanced federal funding under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), it may not be implemented until after the period of enhanced federal funding under FFCRA has ended.

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The amendment modifies the scope of the bill, so that it applies only to recipients of MA program benefits under the childless-adults demonstration project or BadgerCare Plus. Additionally, the amendment directs DHS to obtain federal approval to implement the legislation, as necessary. Implementation of any portion of the bill that does not receive approval is not required by DHS.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Penterman introduced and Senator Stafsholt cosponsored the bill on January 31, 2022. On the same day, it was referred to the Assembly Committee on Public Benefit Reform. On February 8, 2022, the Assembly Committee on Public Benefit Reform held a public hearing. On February 9, 2022, Representative Penterman offered Assembly Amendment 1. On February 10, 2022, the committee recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0; and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes 2.

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