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AMENDMENT MEMO



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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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Under current law, DHS may not submit a request to a federal agency for a waiver of federal laws or rules unless legislation has been enacted that specifically directs the submission of the request for a waiver.

Senate Amendment 1 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

Senator Stafsholt offered Senate Amendment 1 on February 8, 2022. On February 14, 2022, the Senate Committee on Economic and Workforce Development recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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