

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1535

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE WARD

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by inserting after "for " where
2 it occurs the first time
3 public notice of

4 Amend Bill, page 1, line 11, by inserting after "443.12."
5 Public Notice of

6 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 15 through 18; page 2, lines 1
7 through 12; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and
8 inserting

9 (1) The department shall publish in the Pennsylvania
10 Bulletin on or before March 31 of each year a public notice that
11 contains the proposed provider payment rates for the next fiscal
12 year sufficient to enable individuals with an intellectual
13 disability or autism, who are enrolled in any of the
14 department's federally approved medical assistance funded waiver
15 programs, to access services which must comply with the
16 department's quality of care standards and are necessary to meet
17 the needs of individuals with an intellectual disability or
18 autism, as identified in the individuals' approved individual
19 support plans.

20 (2) The notice shall solicit public comment on and contain a
21 detailed description of the precise methodologies utilized to
22 calculate the payment rates for home-based and community-based
23 services to be rendered under the waiver programs, including the
24 data, studies, assumptions, variables, calculations and any
25 other information relied upon and the source of all information
26 utilized in establishing the payment rates. The information
27 shall be made available by the department for inspection,
28 examination and copying.

29 (3) Within forty-five days of the passage of the General
30 Appropriation Act each year, and after review and consideration
31 of the public comments received by the department, the
32 department, by notice published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin,
33 shall adopt the final provider payment rates for the fiscal year
34 and shall respond in detail to the public comments.