

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1535 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY WARD, BULLOCK, PICKETT, DEAN, SOLOMON, ZIMMERMAN,  
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KAVULICH, GREINER, SANTORA, V. BROWN, WHEELAND, MOUL, WATSON  
AND ROZZI, JUNE 12, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, JUNE 12, 2017

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 provider payment rates for individuals with an  
5 intellectual disability or autism.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known  
9 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to  
10 read:

11 Section 443.12. Provider Payment Rates for Individuals with  
12 an Intellectual Disability or Autism.--The following shall apply  
13 to home-based and community-based services provided to  
14 individuals with an intellectual disability or autism:

15 (1) The department shall maintain and publish in the  
16 Pennsylvania Bulletin on or before December 31 of each fiscal  
17 year a detailed description of the calculation of providers'  
18 payment rates for home-based and community-based services,

1 including the data, inputs, assumptions, variables, calculations  
2 and precise methodologies relied on and the source of all data,  
3 variables and assumptions utilized in establishing the payment  
4 rates notwithstanding whether the payment rates are developed by  
5 the department or a third party. The information shall be made  
6 available by the department to each provider, family and  
7 consumer for inspection, examination and copying.

8 (2) A provider shall submit cost reports to the department,  
9 or the department's designee, on or before September 30 of each  
10 fiscal year that identify the costs incurred to render home-  
11 based and community-based services during the prior fiscal year.  
12 This paragraph shall expire October 1, 2020.

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