

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1082

Sponsor: SENATOR K. WARD

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 3, by striking out all of
2 said lines and inserting
3 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled
4 "An act relating to the finances of the State government;
5 providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for
6 ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint
7 Underwriting Association, for entertainment business
8 financial management firms, for private dam financial
9 assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for
10 the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes,
11 bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the
12 collection and recovery of fees and other money or property
13 due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
14 including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale,
15 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds
16 and securities belonging to or in the possession of the
17 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the
18 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the
19 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the
20 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and
21 all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
22 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
23 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
24 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
25 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
26 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
27 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
28 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
29 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
30 government, every political subdivision of the State, and
31 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
32 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
33 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws
34 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or
35 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
36 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
37 Commonwealth," in ARPA health care workforce supports,
38 further providing for definitions; and providing for early

1 detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease or a related
2 disorder.

3 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 6 through 17; pages 2 through 5,
4 lines 1 through 30; page 6, lines 1 through 5; by striking out
5 all of said lines on said pages and inserting

6 Section 1. The definition of "high medical assistance
7 hospital" in section 101-J of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343,
8 No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended to read:

9 Section 101-J. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this article
11 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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14 "High Medical Assistance hospital." As determined under the
15 Medical Assistance dependency [payment] adjustment provisions of
16 the Commonwealth's approved Title XIX State Plan, based on a
17 hospital's approved Medical Assistance cost report for fiscal
18 year 2018-2019.

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20 Section 2. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

21 ARTICLE II-E

22 EARLY DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR A
23 RELATED DISORDER

24 Section 201-E. Scope of article.

25 This article relates to the early detection and diagnosis of
26 Alzheimer's Disease or a related disorder.

27 Section 202-E. Definitions.

28 The following words and phrases when used in this article
29 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
30 context clearly indicates otherwise:

31 "Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder." An irreversible
32 and progressive neurological disorder diagnosed by a physician
33 that has all of the following characteristics:

34 (1) The disorder causes cognitive decline and memory
35 impairment, behavioral and psychiatric problems and loss of
36 the ability to care for oneself.

37 (2) The disorder is severe enough to interfere with work
38 or social activities and requires continuous care or
39 supervision.

40 "Certified registered nurse practitioner." A registered
41 nurse licensed in this Commonwealth who is certified by the
42 State Board of Nursing in a particular clinical specialty area.

43 "Clinical nurse specialist." A registered nurse licensed in
44 this Commonwealth who is certified by the State Board of Nursing
45 as a clinical nurse specialist.

46 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

47 "Physician." A medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy.

48 "Physician assistant." An individual who is licensed as a

1 physician assistant by the State Board of Medicine.

2 "Primary care workforce." Physicians, physician assistants,
3 certified registered nurse practitioners and clinical nurse
4 specialists delivering health care services to adult patients
5 with the detection, diagnosis, treatment and care planning
6 referral for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or a related
7 disorder.

8 "Primary care workforce education resources." The resources
9 established in section 203-E.

10 "Toolkit." The Early Detection and Diagnosis of Alzheimer's
11 Disease or a Related Disorder toolkit established in section
12 204-E(a).

13 Section 203-E. Primary care workforce education resources.

14 The department, in consultation with the Department of Aging
15 and other public or private organizations with expertise in
16 cognitive decline, Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder,
17 shall establish education resources to assist the primary care
18 workforce with the detection, diagnosis, treatment and care
19 planning referral for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or a
20 related disorder. At a minimum, the primary care workforce
21 education resources shall include all of the following related
22 to Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder:

23 (1) The importance of and value of early detection and
24 timely diagnosis.

25 (2) Increasing understanding and awareness of early
26 signs and symptoms.

27 (3) Person-centered care delivery.

28 (4) Cultural competency.

29 (5) Racial and ethnic disparities and inequities in
30 detecting, diagnosing and accessing treatment and services.

31 (6) Use of validated cognitive assessment tools to
32 detect cognitive decline as part of the annual Medicare
33 Wellness Visit or other annual physical examination.

34 (7) Sources of clinical practice guidelines and tools.

35 (8) Effective care planning, including treatment
36 options, support and services, long-term care options,
37 financial planning, advanced directives and care
38 coordination, at all stages of dementia, including
39 appropriate counseling and referral.

40 Section 204-E. Early Detection and Diagnosis of Alzheimer's
41 Disease or a Related Disorder toolkit.

42 (a) Establishment.--The department shall establish and
43 maintain an Early Detection and Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease
44 or a Related Disorder toolkit. The toolkit, at a minimum, shall
45 provide all of the following:

46 (1) Best practices and cognitive assessment tools,
47 including the use of appropriate diagnostics, to assist the
48 primary care workforce in the detection, diagnosis, treatment
49 and care planning for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or
50 a related disorder.

51 (2) Primary care workforce education resources

1 established in section 203-E.
2 (b) Coordination and integration.--The department shall
3 coordinate and integrate the toolkit across health care sectors,
4 including, but not limited to, all of the following:
5 (1) Managed care programs administered through the
6 Department of Human Services.
7 (2) Academic research institutions.
8 (3) State medical centers.
9 (4) Federally qualified health centers.
10 (5) Associations representing hospitals and health
11 systems.
12 (6) Organizations representing physicians and medical
13 students in Pennsylvania.
14 (7) Organizations representing the advancement of health
15 care and family physicians.
16 (8) Organizations representing the advancement of nurse
17 practitioners, health care professionals and health care
18 organizations.
19 (9) Organizations representing underserved communities
20 which may be disproportionately impacted by Alzheimer's
21 disease.
22 (10) Any other public or private organization, entity or
23 part of an organization or entity the department deems
24 necessary.
25 (c) Annual review.--The department shall review and update
26 the information on the toolkit established in subsection (a) to
27 reflect the most current and accurate information available on
28 an annual basis.
29 Section 205-E. Public awareness.
30 (a) Public information.--The department shall include and
31 make accessible on the department's publicly accessible Internet
32 website information relating to Alzheimer's disease or a related
33 disorder information. The information, at a minimum, shall
34 include the following:
35 (1) Understanding cognitive decline, Alzheimer's disease
36 or a related disorder, including the difference between
37 normal cognitive aging and dementias.
38 (2) Early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease or a
39 related disorder.
40 (3) The benefits of early detection and diagnosis.
41 (4) Importance of discussing cognition with health care
42 providers and tips on how to do so.
43 (5) Risk reduction behaviors to slow onset of cognitive
44 impairment, particularly among diverse communities who are at
45 greater risk of developing Alzheimer's disease.
46 (b) Existing outreach programs.--The department shall
47 incorporate public information in subsection (a) into existing
48 relevant public health outreach programs administered by the
49 department to promote understanding and awareness of Alzheimer's
50 disease or a related disorder to the general public. Public
51 awareness information shall provide uniform, consistent guidance

1 in nonclinical terms, with an emphasis on cultural relevancy and
2 health literacy.
3 Section 3. Effective date.
4 This act shall take effect in 60 days.