

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 952

Session of  
1983

INTRODUCED BY SHUMAKER, REIBMAN, HOPPER, BELL, MELLOW,  
JUBELIRER, EARLY, KUSSE, PECORA, CORMAN, WILT, BRIGHTBILL,  
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KRATZER, HELFRICK, RHOADES, STREET, MOORE, HOLL, FISHER,  
LOEPER, SHAFFER, SNYDER, O'CONNELL, HESS, MUSTO, ANDREZESKI,  
ROCKS, ROSS, STAPLETON, FUMO, HANKINS AND LLOYD, JULY 20,  
1983

SENATOR WILT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, AS AMENDED,  
DECEMBER 7, 1983

## 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," providing for an increase  
4 in individual ceilings for allowable net operating costs for  
5 intermediate care facilities.

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

8 Section 1. Section 443.1 of the act of June 13, 1967  
9 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by  
10 adding a clause to read:

11 Section 443.1. Medical Assistance Payments for Institutional  
12 Care.--The following medical assistance payments shall be made  
13 in behalf of eligible persons whose institutional care is  
14 prescribed by physicians:

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16 (5) Individual ceilings for allowable net operating per diem

1 costs established for the various intermediate care facilities  
2 for the fiscal year 1983-1984 shall be increased at a minimum by  
3 ~~ten~~ SIX percent. The nursing staff allowance recognized for <—  
4 medical assistance reimbursement shall be three and five-tenths  
5 nursing hours for skilled nursing facility services and three  
6 nursing hours for intermediate care. It is the intent of the  
7 General Assembly that the increase is necessary to maintain  
8 appropriate care for patients whose services have been redefined  
9 by the department's regulations of January 8, 1983 pertaining to  
10 levels of care. Individual ceilings for the intermediate care  
11 facilities for the fiscal year 1983-1984 shall be increased a  
12 minimum of ~~ten~~ SIX percent from the ceilings in effect for the <—  
13 fiscal year 1982-1983.

14 SECTION 2. ANY FUNDS IN THE STATE LOTTERY FUND NOT REQUIRED <—  
15 FOR PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THE MONEY IN THE FUND IS OTHERWISE USED  
16 ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE FOR PAYMENT  
17 OF THE INCREASE IN ALLOWABLE NET OPERATING COSTS FOR  
18 INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES AS PROVIDED BY THIS ACT.

19 Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect immediately. <—