
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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O'NEILL, ROCK, SABATINA, TOOHIL, WATSON AND GILLEN,
MARCH 25, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MARCH 25, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a thorough review of Pennsylvania's Medicaid Home and
3 Community Based Waiver Programs in order to determine the
4 extent to which family members serve as caregivers in those
5 programs and any barriers that exist which preclude family
6 caregiving.

7 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, the Department of Public Welfare
8 administers nine Medical Assistance/Medicaid Waivers, including:
9 Aging Waiver; AIDS Waiver; Attendant Care/Act 150 Waiver;
10 COMMCARE Waiver; Consolidated Waiver for Individuals with
11 Intellectual Disabilities; Independence Waiver; Infants,
12 Toddlers, and Families Waiver; OBRA Waiver; and Person/Family
13 Directed Support Waiver; and

14 WHEREAS, Support Services Waivers, a short term for "Medicaid
15 Home and Community Based Waivers" provide funding for support
16 and services to help individuals to live in their homes and
17 communities and offer an array of services and benefits such as
18 choice of qualified providers, due process and health and safety

1 assurances; and

2 WHEREAS, The name "waiver" comes from the fact that the
3 Federal Government "waives" Medical Assistance/Medicaid rules
4 for institutional care in order for Pennsylvania to use the same
5 funds to provide supports and services for people closer to home
6 in their own communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Each waiver program has its own unique set of
8 eligibility requirements and services and each is designed to
9 serve a specific population of individuals with certain specific
10 service needs; and

11 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that people who have family
12 caregivers tend to have fewer hospital admissions, shorter
13 hospital stays and informal care by adult children reduces
14 Medicare inpatient expenditures of single older adults, as well
15 as expenditures for home health and skilled nursing facility
16 care; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
18 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a thorough
19 review of Pennsylvania's nine Medicaid Waiver Programs to
20 determine the extent to which family members currently serve as
21 caregivers in those programs and to identify any barriers that
22 exist which preclude family members of waiver service
23 beneficiaries from serving as paid caregivers to their loved
24 ones, including whether such barriers are dictated by statute,
25 regulation or policy; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
27 make a report with recommendations, as appropriate, and submit
28 the report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to
29 members of the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee, the
30 Health Committee and the Human Services Committee within six

1 months of the adoption of this resolution.