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REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, APRIL 13, 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 total population coordinated care management.

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

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

10 Section 411.1. Total Population Coordinated Care
11 Management.--(a) The department shall issue a request for
12 proposals for a total population coordinated care management
13 initiative that incorporates evidence-based medicine into each
14 physical and behavioral health decision concerning a medical
15 assistance recipient. The purpose of the health initiative is to
16 increase the use of appropriate primary and preventive care by
17 medical assistance recipients while decreasing the unnecessary
18 use of specialty care and hospital emergency department

1 services. The following apply:

2 (1) All medical assistance recipients will have access to
3 the health initiative.

4 (2) The department shall define the coordinated care
5 services to be provided by the health initiative. The health
6 initiative shall, at a minimum:

7 (i) Provide all medical assistance recipients with access to
8 resources and services to enhance medical assistance recipient
9 participation and promote continuous engagement, including
10 access provided through a single telephone access point and a
11 private portal specific to each medical assistance recipient.

12 (ii) Offer Statewide services in a manner that avoids
13 duplication of services.

14 (iii) Support existing State resources available to medical
15 assistance recipients by providing health management services
16 and data analytics, as needed.

17 (iv) Coordinate efforts with existing and future providers,
18 contractors, services and agencies.

19 (v) Utilize technology to provide an advanced information
20 and evidence-based medical system to guide and support medical
21 assistance recipients and physicians to improve health care
22 outcomes.

23 (vi) Report analytic, utilization and cost savings
24 information to the department annually or at more frequent,
25 predetermined intervals.

26 (3) The department shall enter into a contract with one
27 offeror and require that the annual savings to the Commonwealth
28 resulting from the use of the health initiative exceed the cost
29 of the health initiative.

30 (b) As used in this section, the term "health initiative"

1 means the total population coordinated care management
2 initiative.

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