

## 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 further providing for eligibility redetermination of persons  
5 on medical assistance and providing for placement screening.

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

8 Section 1. Section 442.3(b) of the act of June 13, 1967  
9 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, added July 7,  
10 2005 (P.L.177, No.42), is amended to read:

11 Section 442.3. Eligibility Redetermination of Persons on  
12 Medical Assistance.--\* \* \*

13 (b) Persons not subject to an eligibility redetermination  
14 every six months are:

15 (i) Persons receiving long-term care services.

16 (ii) Persons who are receiving medical assistance in an  
17 elderly or disabled category.

18 (iii) Pregnant women.

19 (iv) Children under one year of age.

(v) Children living with relatives other than a parent when the adult's income does not affect eligibility.

(vi) [Children in foster care or adoption assistance programs.] (Reserved).

(vii) Persons receiving Extended Medical Coverage (EMC).

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Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 442.4. Placement screenings.--(a) The county agency shall screen a child who is placed outside the child's home in a foster care or adoption assistance program and who is not eligible to receive federally funded Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Foster Care (AFDC-FC) benefits for Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) eligibility at the time of placement for potential eligibility for the Federal SSI program utilizing the guidelines established under the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.). If the child is determined to be eligible through the screening process, the county agency shall submit an application for benefits to the Social Security Administration on behalf of the child within ten days of completion of the screening.

(b) (1) Prior to the termination of jurisdiction over a dependent child who is 18 years of age or older, the county agency shall screen the child for the Federal SSI program utilizing the guidelines established under the Social Security Act.

(2) The screening shall use the Title XVI of the Social Security Act criteria for eligibility and shall occur when the child is at least 17 years of age and not older than 17 years and six months of age. The county agency shall submit an application to the Social Security Administration on behalf of a

1 child who is screened as being likely to be eligible for Federal  
2 SSI benefits 90 days prior to the child reaching 18 years of  
3 age.

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

