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AN ACT

Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for work requirements, lifetime limits, copayments and health savings accounts.

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the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are undernourished has increased from 600 million to 800 million (FAO 2001).

There are a number of reasons for this increase. One of the main reasons is the increase in the world population. The world population has increased from 5 billion in 1987 to 6 billion in 2000, and is projected to reach 9 billion by 2050 (FAO 2001).

Another reason is the increase in the number of people who are living in poverty. The number of people living on less than \$1 per day has increased from 1 billion in 1987 to 1.2 billion in 2000 (FAO 2001).

A third reason is the increase in the number of people who are living in rural areas. The number of people living in rural areas has increased from 3 billion in 1987 to 4 billion in 2000 (FAO 2001).

There are a number of factors that contribute to the increase in the number of people who are undernourished. These factors include:

1. The increase in the world population.

2. The increase in the number of people who are living in poverty.

3. The increase in the number of people who are living in rural areas.

4. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of conflict.

5. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of natural disaster.

6. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of environmental degradation.

7. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of political instability.

8. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of social inequality.

9. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of poor governance.

10. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of poor infrastructure.

11. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of poor education.

12. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of poor health care.

13. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of poor access to water and sanitation.

14. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of poor access to food.

15. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of poor access to land.

16. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of poor access to credit.

17. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of poor access to information.

18. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of poor access to services.

19. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of poor access to justice.

20. The increase in the number of people who are living in areas of poor access to opportunities.

## 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 work requirements, lifetime limits, copayments  
5 and health savings accounts.

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

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

11 Section 441.10. Work Requirements, Lifetime Limits,  
12 Copayments and Health Savings Accounts.--(a) No later than  
13 March 1 of each year, the secretary shall apply to the Centers  
14 for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States  
15 Department of Health and Human Services for a waiver under  
16 section 1315 of the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C.  
17 § 1315) for the following purposes:

18 (1) Instituting a work requirement for a Medicaid enrollee  
19 who is eighteen years of age or older and physically and

1 mentally capable of work. The work requirement shall require an  
2 eligible person to become employed, actively seek employment as  
3 verified by the department or attend a job training program.

4 (2) Requiring an able-bodied Medicaid enrollee who is  
5 eighteen years of age or older to verify on a biannual basis and  
6 or by request of the department the Medicaid enrollee's family  
7 income or the Medicaid enrollee's compliance with the provisions  
8 under paragraph (1) for the purpose of determining the Medicaid  
9 enrollee's eligibility.

10 (3) Banning an individual from enrolling in a Medicaid  
11 program if the individual has failed to comply with paragraphs  
12 (1) and (2).

13 (4) Exempting a Medicaid enrollee from the requirements  
14 under paragraphs (1) and (2) under any of the following  
15 conditions:

16 (i) The Medicaid enrollee is attending high school as a  
17 full-time student.

18 (ii) The Medicaid enrollee is currently receiving temporary  
19 or permanent long-term disability benefits.

20 (5) Setting a lifetime limit of five years of Medicaid  
21 benefits, unless the Medicaid enrollee meets any of the  
22 following conditions:

23 (i) The Medicaid enrollee is pregnant and has shown a work  
24 history in the time period between pregnancies.

25 (ii) The Medicaid enrollee is eighteen years or age or older  
26 and attending high school as a full-time student.

27 (iii) The Medicaid enrollee is employed full time and meets  
28 the income eligibility requirements for Medicaid.

29 (6) Developing and imposing meaningful copayments to deter  
30 the nonemergency use of emergency services and the use of

1 ambulance services for nonemergency transportation or when not  
2 medically necessary.

3 (7) Developing and executing health savings accounts for all  
4 Medicaid enrollees.

5 (b) After the secretary submits a waiver request under  
6 subsection (a), the secretary shall notify the Governor, the  
7 General Assembly and the Independent Fiscal Office.

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

