

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance, providing for work requirements.

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

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

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

(1) Instituting a work requirement for a Medicaid enrollee who is eighteen years of age or older and physically and mentally capable of work. The work requirement shall require a Medicaid enrollee to become employed, actively seek employment as verified by the department or attend a job training program in accordance with the following:

(i) In the case of a Medicaid enrollee who is employed or attending job training programs in order to maintain enrollment in the Medicaid program, the Medicaid enrollee shall work twenty hours a week or complete twelve job training program-related activities a month.

(ii) A Medicaid enrollee who complies with the work

requirement under subparagraph (i) may have Medicaid premiums or cost-sharing reduced or other incentives beginning in year two of employment.

(iii) A Medicaid enrollee who has failed to comply with the work requirement under subparagraph (i) shall relinquish Medicaid program eligibility for the following time periods:

(A) Three months beginning in year two of employment.

(B) Six months beginning after the time period under clause (A) expires.

(C) Nine months beginning after the time period under clause (B) expires.

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) The Medicaid enrollee is an individual twenty years of

age or younger or sixty-five years of age or older.

(iv) The Medicaid enrollee is a pregnant woman.

(v) The Medicaid enrollee receives Supplemental Security
Income (SSI) benefits.

(vi) The Medicaid enrollee resides in a mental health
institution or correctional institution.

(vii) The Medicaid enrollee is experiencing a crisis,
serious medical condition or temporary condition that prevents
the Medicaid enrollee from actively seeking employment, such as
domestic violence or substance abuse treatment.

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