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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, MAY 2, 1979

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," deleting certain
4 authorized services provided to persons eligible for medical
5 assistance.

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

8 Section 1. The definition of assistance in section 402, act
9 of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the "Public Welfare
10 Code," amended July 15, 1976 (P.L.993, No.202), is amended to
11 read:

12 Section 402. Definitions.--As used in this article:

13 "Assistance" means money, services, goods, shelter, [burial]
14 and medical[, chiropractic] and other health care, including
15 nursing home care provided from or with State, Federal, county,
16 county institution district or municipal funds, for needy
17 persons who reside in Pennsylvania and need assistance to
18 provide for themselves and their dependents a decent and
19 healthful standard of living, and for needy homeless or

1 transient persons.

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3 Section 2. Sections 443.2 and 443.3 of the act, amended
4 November 28, 1973 (P.L.364, No.128), are amended to read:

5 Section 443.2. Medical Assistance Payments for Home Health
6 Care.--The following medical assistance payments shall be made
7 in behalf of eligible persons whose care in the home has been
8 prescribed by a physician[, chiropractor or podiatrist]:

9 (1) Rates established by the department for post-hospital
10 home care, as specified by regulations of the department adopted
11 under Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act for not more
12 than one hundred eighty days following a period of
13 hospitalization, if such care is related to the reason the
14 person was hospitalized and if given by a hospital as
15 comprehensive, hospital type care in a patient's home;

16 (2) Rates established by the department for home health care
17 services if such services are furnished by a voluntary or
18 governmental health agency.

19 Section 443.3. Other Medical Assistance Payments.--Payments
20 on behalf of eligible persons shall be made for other services,
21 as follows:

22 (1) Rates established by the department for outpatient
23 services as specified by regulations of the department adopted
24 under Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act consisting of
25 preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative or
26 palliative services; furnished by or under the direction of a
27 physician, [chiropractor, or podiatrist,] by a hospital or
28 outpatient clinic which qualifies to participate under Title XIX
29 of the Federal Social Security Act, to a patient to whom such
30 hospital or outpatient clinic does not furnish room, board and

1 professional services on a continuous, twenty-four hour a day
2 basis.

3 (2) Rates established by the department for (i) other
4 laboratory and X-ray services prescribed by a physician[,
5 chiropractor or podiatrist] and furnished by a facility other
6 than a hospital which is qualified to participate under Title
7 XIX of the Federal Social Security Act, (ii) physician's
8 services consisting of professional care by a physician,
9 [chiropractor or podiatrist,] in his office, the patient's home
10 a hospital, a nursing home or elsewhere, (iii) the first three
11 pints of whole blood, (iv) remedial eye care, as provided in
12 Article VIII consisting of medical or surgical care and aids and
13 services and other vision care provided by a physician skilled
14 in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist which are not
15 otherwise available under this Article, (v) special medical
16 services for school children, as provided in the Public School
17 Code of 1949, consisting of medical, dental, vision care
18 provided by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an
19 optometrist or surgical care and aids and services which are not
20 otherwise available under this article.

21 Section 3. Section 509 of the act, amended July 31, 1968
22 (P.L.904, No.273), is amended to read:

23 Section 509. Medical Assistance [and Burial].--Persons
24 receiving State Blind Pensions shall be eligible [for burial
25 assistance and,] under the medical assistance program of Article
26 IV, for payment of home and office visits of physicians [or
27 chiropractors], prescribed drugs, dental care, vision care
28 provided by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an
29 optometrist, ambulance service and visiting nurse service.

30 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1979.