

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2712** Session of  
1982

INTRODUCED BY CAWLEY, BELARDI AND OLASZ, SEPTEMBER 29, 1982

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, SEPTEMBER 29, 1982

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," further providing for  
4 monthly benefits to residents of nursing homes and making an  
5 appropriation from the State Lottery Fund.

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

8 Section 1. Section 443.1, act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,  
9 No.21), known as the "Public Welfare Code," is amended by adding  
10 a clause to read:

11 Section 443.1. Medical Assistance Payments for Institutional  
12 Care.--The following medical assistance payments shall be made  
13 in behalf of eligible persons whose institutional care is  
14 prescribed by physicians:

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16 (5) A monthly allowance of forty dollars (\$40), paid  
17 directly to the patient or his legal guardian.

18 Section 2. (a) This act shall apply in any fiscal year  
19 immediately prior to when the Secretary of Revenue certifies, by

1 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, that there will be  
2 sufficient revenues in the State Lottery Fund to cover the  
3 payments provided for in this act, after all other statutory  
4 obligations of the fund for that year are satisfied or are  
5 certain to be satisfied, based upon lottery revenue estimates of  
6 the Department of Revenue.

7 (b) An amount sufficient to cover the payments provided for  
8 in this act are hereby appropriated from the State Lottery Fund,  
9 as provided in subsection (a), but only to the extent that the  
10 payments are not funded by amounts appropriated from the General  
11 Fund to the Department of Public Welfare.

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