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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 12 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY HUGHES, TEPLITZ, FARNESE, YUDICHAK, FONTANA,  
SMITH, BREWSTER, BLAKE, TARTAGLIONE, WILLIAMS, SCHWANK,  
COSTA, BOSCOLA, LEACH, WOZNIAK, KITCHEN, WILEY AND HAYWOOD,  
JANUARY 29, 2015

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REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, JANUARY 29, 2015

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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 persons eligible for medical  
5 assistance.

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

8 Section 1. Section 441.1 of the act of June 13, 1967  
9 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by  
10 adding a subsection to read:

11 Section 441.1. Persons Eligible for Medical Assistance.--\* \*

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13 (c) The Commonwealth shall enter into an agreement with the  
14 Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human  
15 Services to expand eligibility to persons described under  
16 section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act (49  
17 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII)). The department  
18 shall submit a revised State plan if required to implement the

1 expansion of eligibility under this subsection. This subsection  
2 shall not apply if the Federal medical assistance percentage  
3 under section 1905(y) of the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620,  
4 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(y)) is less than the following:

5 (1) One hundred percent for calendar quarters in 2014, 2015  
6 and 2016.

7 (2) Ninety-five percent for calendar quarters in 2017.

8 (3) Ninety-four percent for calendar quarters in 2018.

9 (4) Ninety-three percent for calendar quarters in 2019.

10 (5) Ninety percent for calendar quarters in 2020 and each  
11 year thereafter.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.