
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1780 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY GROVE, PHILLIPS-HILL, WHEELAND AND ORTITAY,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

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 other medical assistance payments.

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

7 Section 1. Section 443.3(a) of the act of June 13, 1967
8 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is amended by
9 adding a paragraph to read:

10 Section 443.3. Other Medical Assistance Payments.--(a)
11 Payments on behalf of eligible persons shall be made for other
12 services, as follows:

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14 (4) For special rehabilitation care provided in licensed
15 nonprofit special rehabilitation hospitals that meet the
16 licensing requirements of health care facilities under the act
17 of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the "Health Care
18 Facilities Act." In order to be eligible for payments under this
19 paragraph, more than ninety percent of the licensed nonprofit

1 special rehabilitation hospital's resident patients must have a
2 neurological or neuromuscular diagnosis and severe functional
3 limitations. Payments under this paragraph shall be made at the
4 rate for skilled nursing care as specified under 55 Pa. Code §
5 1187.94(2) (relating to peer grouping for price setting), and
6 the budget adjustment rate shall not exceed ten percent.

7 Payments under this section shall be made for patients who:

8 (i) have a neurological or neuromuscular diagnosis; and

9 (ii) are eligible for medical assistance on the first day of

10 admission to a licensed nonprofit special rehabilitation
11 hospital.

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