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HOUSE BILL NO. 875

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-325 of the Code of Virginia, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, relating to medical assistance services.

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 32.1-325 of the Code of Virginia, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-325. (For effective date—See note) Board to submit plan for medical assistance services to Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to federal law; administration of plan; contracts with health care providers.

A. The Board, subject to the approval of the Governor, is authorized to prepare, amend from time to time and submit to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services a state plan for medical assistance services pursuant to Title XIX of the United States Social Security Act and any amendments thereto. The Board shall include in such plan:

1. A provision for payment of medical assistance on behalf of individuals, up to the age of twenty-one, placed in foster homes or private institutions by private, nonprofit agencies licensed as child-placing agencies by the Department of Social Services or placed through state and local subsidized adoptions to the extent permitted under federal statute;

2. A provision for determining eligibility for benefits for medically needy individuals which disregards from countable resources an amount not in excess of \$3,500 for the individual and an amount not in excess of \$3,500 for his spouse when such resources have been set aside to meet the burial expenses of the individual or his spouse. The amount disregarded shall be reduced by (i) the face value of life insurance on the life of an individual owned by the individual or his spouse if the cash surrender value of such policies has been excluded from countable resources and (ii) the amount of any other revocable or irrevocable trust, contract, or other arrangement specifically designated for the purpose of meeting the individual's or his spouse's burial expenses;

3. A requirement that, in determining eligibility, a home shall be disregarded. For those medically needy persons whose eligibility for medical assistance is required by federal law to be dependent on the budget methodology for Aid to Families with Dependent Children, a home means the house and lot used as the principal residence and all contiguous property. For all other persons, a home shall mean the house and lot used as the principal residence, as well as all contiguous property, as long as the value of the land, exclusive of the lot occupied by the house, does not exceed \$5,000. In any case in which the definition of home as provided here is more restrictive than that provided in the state plan for medical assistance services in Virginia as it was in effect on January 1, 1972, then a home means the house and lot used as the principal residence and all contiguous property essential to the operation of the home regardless of value;

4. A provision for payment of medical assistance on behalf of individuals up to the age of twenty-one, who are Medicaid eligible, for medically necessary stays in acute care facilities in excess of twenty-one days per admission;

5. A provision for deducting from an institutionalized recipient's income an amount for the maintenance of the individual's spouse at home;

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102 procedure; (ii) the transplant procedure and application of the procedure in treatment of the specific
103 condition have been clearly demonstrated to be medically effective and not experimental or
104 investigational; (iii) prior authorization by the Department of Medical Assistance Services has been
105 obtained; (iv) the patient-selection criteria of the specific transplant center where the surgery is proposed
106 to be performed have been used by the transplant team or program to determine the appropriateness of
107 the patient for the procedure; (v) current medical therapy has failed and the patient has failed to respond
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109 the transplant is likely to prolong the patient's life and restore a range of physical and social functioning
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141 2. Initiate such cost containment or other measures as are set forth in the appropriation act.

142 3. Make, adopt, promulgate and enforce such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the
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144 4. Examine, before acting on a regulation to be published in the Virginia Register of Regulations
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151 5. Incorporate sanctions and remedies for certified nursing facilities established by state law, in
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153 Facilities With Deficiencies."

154 6. On and after July 1, 2002, require that a prescription benefit card, health insurance benefit card, or
155 other technology that complies with the requirements set forth in § 38.2-3407.4:2 be issued to each
156 recipient of medical assistance services, and shall upon any changes in the required data elements set
157 forth in subsection A of § 38.2-3407.4:2, either reissue the card or provide recipients such corrective
158 information as may be required to electronically process a prescription claim.

159 C. In order to enable the Commonwealth to continue to receive federal grants or reimbursement for
160 medical assistance or related services, the Board, subject to the approval of the Governor, may adopt,
161 regardless of any other provision of this chapter, such amendments to the state plan for medical
162 assistance services as may be necessary to conform such plan with amendments to the United States
163 Social Security Act or other relevant federal law and their implementing regulations or constructions of
164 these laws and regulations by courts of competent jurisdiction or the United States Secretary of Health
165 and Human Services.

166 In the event conforming amendments to the state plan for medical assistance services are adopted, the
167 Board shall not be required to comply with the requirements of Article 2 (§ 2.2-4006 et seq.) of Chapter
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169 Registrar of Regulations that such amendment is necessary to meet the requirements of federal law or
170 regulations or because of the order of any state or federal court, or (ii) certify to the Governor that the
171 regulations are necessitated by an emergency situation. Any such amendments which are in conflict with
172 the Code of Virginia shall only remain in effect until July 1 following adjournment of the next regular
173 session of the General Assembly unless enacted into law.

174 D. The Director of Medical Assistance Services is authorized to:

175 1. Administer such state plan and to receive and expend federal funds therefor in accordance with
176 applicable federal and state laws and regulations; and to enter into all contracts necessary or incidental
177 to the performance of the Department's duties and the execution of its powers as provided by law.

178 2. Enter into agreements and contracts with medical care facilities, physicians, dentists and other
179 health care providers where necessary to carry out the provisions of such state plan. Any such agreement
180 or contract shall terminate upon conviction of the provider of a felony. In the event such conviction is
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182 agreement or contract. Such provider may also apply to the Director for reconsideration of the
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184 3. Refuse to enter into or renew an agreement or contract with any provider which has been
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190 hearing in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (§ ~~9-6.14:12.2-4000~~ et seq.) regarding the
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192 The Director's decision upon reconsideration shall be consistent with federal and state laws. The
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195 F. When the services provided for by such plan are services which a clinical psychologist or a
196 clinical social worker or licensed professional counselor or clinical nurse specialist is licensed to render
197 in Virginia, the Director shall contract with any duly licensed clinical psychologist or licensed clinical
198 social worker or licensed professional counselor or licensed clinical nurse specialist who makes
199 application to be a provider of such services, and thereafter shall pay for covered services as provided in
200 the state plan. The Board shall promulgate regulations which reimburse licensed clinical psychologists,
201 licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors and licensed clinical nurse specialists at
202 rates based upon reasonable criteria, including the professional credentials required for licensure.

203 G. The Board shall prepare and submit to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health
204 and Human Services such amendments to the state plan for medical assistance services as may be
205 permitted by federal law to establish a program of family assistance whereby children over the age of
206 eighteen years shall make reasonable contributions, as determined by regulations of the Board, toward
207 the cost of providing medical assistance under the plan to their parents.

208 H. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall:

209 1. Include in its provider networks and all of its health maintenance organization contracts a
210 provision for the payment of medical assistance on behalf of individuals up to the age of twenty-one
211 who have special needs and who are Medicaid eligible, including individuals who have been victims of
212 child abuse and neglect, for medically necessary assessment and treatment services, when such services
213 are delivered by a provider which specializes solely in the diagnosis and treatment of child abuse and
214 neglect, or a provider with comparable expertise, as determined by the Director.

215 2. Amend the Medallion II waiver and its implementing regulations to develop and implement an
216 exception, with procedural requirements, to mandatory enrollment for certain children between birth and
217 age three certified by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse
218 Services as eligible for services pursuant to Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20
219 U.S.C. § 1471 et seq.).

220 I. The Director is authorized to negotiate and enter into agreements for services rendered to eligible
221 recipients with special needs. The Board shall promulgate regulations regarding these special needs
222 patients, to include persons with AIDS, ventilator-dependent patients, and other recipients with special
223 needs as defined by the Board.

224 J. Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ *subdivision* A. 1. of § 2.2-4345, the provisions of the Virginia
225 Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.) shall not apply to the activities of the Director authorized
226 by subsection I of this section. Agreements made pursuant to this subsection shall comply with federal
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418 social worker or licensed professional counselor or licensed clinical nurse specialist who makes
419 application to be a provider of such services, and thereafter shall pay for covered services as provided in
420 the state plan. The Board shall promulgate regulations which reimburse licensed clinical psychologists,
421 licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors and licensed clinical nurse specialists at
422 rates based upon reasonable criteria, including the professional credentials required for licensure.

423 G. The Board shall prepare and submit to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health
424 and Human Services such amendments to the state plan for medical assistance services as may be
425 permitted by federal law to establish a program of family assistance whereby children over the age of
426 eighteen years shall make reasonable contributions, as determined by regulations of the Board, toward
427 the cost of providing medical assistance under the plan to their parents.

428 H. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall:

429 1. Include in its provider networks and all of its health maintenance organization contracts a
430 provision for the payment of medical assistance on behalf of individuals up to the age of twenty-one
431 who have special needs and who are Medicaid eligible, including individuals who have been victims of
432 child abuse and neglect, for medically necessary assessment and treatment services, when such services
433 are delivered by a provider which specializes solely in the diagnosis and treatment of child abuse and
434 neglect, or a provider with comparable expertise, as determined by the Director.

435 2. Amend the Medallion II waiver and its implementing regulations to develop and implement an
436 exception, with procedural requirements, to mandatory enrollment for certain children between birth and
437 age three certified by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse
438 Services as eligible for services pursuant to Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20
439 U.S.C. § 1471 et seq.).

440 I. The Director is authorized to negotiate and enter into agreements for services rendered to eligible
441 recipients with special needs. The Board shall promulgate regulations regarding these special needs
442 patients, to include persons with AIDS, ventilator-dependent patients, and other recipients with special
443 needs as defined by the Board.

444 J. Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ *subdivision* A. 1. of § 2.2-4345, the provisions of the Virginia
445 Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.) shall not apply to the activities of the Director authorized
446 by subsection I of this section. Agreements made pursuant to this subsection shall comply with federal
447 law and regulation.