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HOUSE BILL NO. 2258

Offered January 19, 2015

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-330 of the Code of Virginia, relating to preadmission screenings for nursing facility services.*

Patron—Head

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 32.1-330 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-330. Preadmission screening required.

All individuals who will be eligible for community or institutional long-term care services as defined in the state plan for medical assistance shall be evaluated to determine their need for nursing facility services as defined in that plan. The Department shall require a preadmission screening of all individuals who, at the time of application for admission to a certified nursing facility as defined in § 32.1-123, are eligible for medical assistance or will become eligible within six months following admission. For community-based screening, the screening team shall consist of a *physician and a nurse*, social worker, or other assessor designated by the Department; ~~and physician who are employees of the Department of Health or the local department of social services~~, or a team of licensed physicians, nurses, and social workers at the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center (WWRC) for WWRC clients only. For institutional screening, the Department ~~shall may~~ contract with acute care hospitals. The Department ~~shall may~~ contract with ~~other public or private entities to one or more vendors to receive, conduct required, track, and monitor requests for all~~ community-based and *other institutional long-term care* screenings in addition to or in lieu of the screening teams described in this section ~~in jurisdictions in which the screening team has been unable to complete screenings of individuals within 30 days of such individuals' application.~~

2. That the Board of Medical Assistance Services shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.

3. That the Board may implement any changes necessary to implement the provisions of this act upon its passage and prior to the promulgation of regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

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