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HOUSE BILL NO. 925

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A BILL to require the Department of Medical Assistance Services to take steps to facilitate the transition of persons between the Home and Community-Based Services waiver program and the Medicaid Works waiver program.

Patrons—Coyner and Sickles

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. § 1. That, to ensure that persons considering transitioning from the Home and Community-Based Services waiver program to the Medicaid Works waiver program have sufficient information to make an informed choice regarding such transition, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall establish a process for (i) conducting a comprehensive needs assessment of a person who is eligible to participate in the Medicaid Works waiver program but is not yet participating in such waiver program to determine the services the person may need to live and fully participate in their community and (ii) developing a plan of support for such person to guide the person in selection of the best waiver program for their needs.
- § 2. That the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall establish a process to enable a person who transitions from a Home and Community-Based Services waiver service to the Medicaid Works waiver program to retain their Home and Community-Based Services waiver slot for up to 180 days following the date of such transition.
- § 3. That the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall establish a process to give priority to individuals previously receiving services through the Home and Community-Based Services waiver program who transitioned to the Medicaid Works waiver program and who subsequently seek to resume services through the Home and Community-Based Services waiver program and shall not add such individuals to the waiting list for such waiver services.