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HOUSE BILL NO. 800

Offered January 12, 2022 Prefiled January 12, 2022

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-325.04, relating to medical assistance services; eligibility; individuals confined in state correctional facilities.

Patrons—Price and Plum

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-325.04 as follows: § 32.1-325.04. Eligibility for medical assistance; individuals confined in state correctional facilities.

The Department shall enroll any person who is in the custody of a state correctional facility and who meets the criteria for eligibility for services under the state plan for medical assistance in the Commonwealth's program of medical assistance services; however, no services under the state plan for medical assistance shall be furnished to the person while he is confined in a state correctional facility unless federal financial participation is available to pay for the cost of the services provided. Upon release from the custody of a state correctional facility, such individual shall continue to be eligible for services under the state plan for medical assistance until such time as the person is determined to no longer be eligible for medical assistance. To the extent permitted by federal law, the time during which a person is confined in a state correctional facility shall not be included in any calculation of when the person must recertify his eligibility for medical assistance.