THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1807 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY BURNS AND GILLEN, AUGUST 15, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, AUGUST 19, 2025

AN ACT

- Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
- welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,
- 4 providing for work requirements for Medicaid enrollees.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
- 8 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to
- 9 read:
- 10 Section 441.10. Work Requirements for Medicaid Enrollees.--
- 11 No later than March 1, 2026, and by March 1 of each year
- 12 thereafter, the secretary shall apply to the Centers for
- 13 Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department
- 14 of Health and Human Services for a waiver under 42 U.S.C. § 1315
- 15 <u>(relating to demonstration projects) for the following purposes:</u>
- 16 (1) Instituting a work requirement for a Medicaid enrollee
- 17 who is eighteen years of age or older and physically and
- 18 mentally capable of work. The work requirement shall require a
- 19 Medicaid enrollee to become employed, actively seek employment

- 1 as verified by the department or attend a job training program
- 2 <u>in accordance with the following:</u>
- 3 (i) In the case of a Medicaid enrollee who is employed or
- 4 <u>attending job training programs in order to maintain enrollment</u>
- 5 in the Medicaid program, the Medicaid enrollee shall work twenty
- 6 hours a week or complete twelve job training program-related
- 7 activities a month.
- 8 (ii) A Medicaid enrollee who complies with the work
- 9 requirement under subparagraph (i) may have Medicaid premiums or
- 10 cost-sharing reduced or other incentives beginning in year two
- 11 <u>of employment.</u>
- 12 (iii) A Medicaid enrollee who has failed to comply with the
- 13 work requirement under subparagraph (i) shall relinquish
- 14 Medicaid program eligibility for the following time periods:
- 15 (A) Three months beginning in year two of employment.
- 16 (B) Six months beginning after the time period under clause
- 17 (A) expires.
- (C) Nine months beginning after the time period under clause
- 19 (B) expires.
- 20 (2) Requiring an able-bodied Medicaid enrollee who is
- 21 eighteen years of age or older to verify on a biannual basis or
- 22 by request of the department the Medicaid enrollee's family
- 23 income or the Medicaid enrollee's compliance with the provisions
- 24 under paragraph (1) for the purpose of determining the Medicaid
- 25 enrollee's eligibility.
- 26 (3) Banning an individual from enrolling in a Medicaid
- 27 program if the individual has failed to comply with paragraphs
- 28 (1) and (2).
- 29 <u>(4) Exempting a Medicaid enrollee from the requirements</u>
- 30 under paragraphs (1) and (2) under any of the following

- 1 conditions:
- 2 <u>(i) The Medicaid enrollee is attending high school as a</u>
- 3 full-time student.
- 4 (ii) The Medicaid enrollee is currently receiving temporary
- 5 <u>or permanent long-term disability benefits.</u>
- 6 (iii) The Medicaid enrollee is an individual twenty years of
- 7 age or younger or sixty-five years of age or older.
- 8 (iv) The Medicaid enrollee is a pregnant woman.
- 9 (v) The Medicaid enrollee receives Supplemental Security
- 10 Income benefits.
- 11 (vi) The Medicaid enrollee resides in a mental health
- 12 institution or correctional institution.
- 13 <u>(vii) The Medicaid enrollee is experiencing a crisis,</u>
- 14 serious medical condition or temporary condition that prevents
- 15 the Medicaid enrollee from actively seeking employment,
- 16 <u>including domestic violence or substance use treatment.</u>
- 17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.