

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB1495

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Bill Title: Department of Medical Assistance Services; oversight of services facilitators; maintained enrollment in medical assistance programs after failure of services facilitator to conduct eligibility determination.

Bill Summary: Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to seek the necessary permission from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to oversee the activities of Medicaid-enrolled services facilitators. The bill directs DMAS to amend its regulations to provide that a member shall maintain enrollment in medical assistance programs when such enrollment would lapse as a result of failure of a services facilitator to conduct an eligibility determination and such member otherwise meets the requirements for eligibility for medical assistance.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: This bill does not have a fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: The bill directs DMAS to seek federal approval for something explicitly prohibited in current federal and state laws. DMAS cannot maintain enrollment because federal rules prohibit deeming a member eligible in the absence of a completed eligibility determination. Medicaid enrollment cannot be maintained if eligibility lapses, even if the lapse is due to a service facilitator's failure to conduct a required assessment. Federal and state laws strictly prohibit Medicaid reimbursement for Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) or Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) services without a current, valid, and fully conducted evaluation. DMAS maintains that it already has the authority to oversee the activities of Medicaid-enrolled service providers; therefore, that portion of the bill has no impact.

Other: -