

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1279 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY VANCE, KITCHEN, BAKER, MENSCH, SCHWANK,
EICHELBERGER, FONTANA, COSTA, BARTOLOTTA, RESCHENTHALER,
VULAKOVICH, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, YUDICHAK, WAGNER, WARD AND
TARTAGLIONE, JUNE 2, 2016

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, JUNE 2, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,
4 further providing for persons eligible for medical
5 assistance.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 441.1 of the act of June 13, 1967
9 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is amended by
10 adding subsections to read:

11 Section 441.1. Persons Eligible for Medical Assistance.--* *

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13 (c) Except as provided under subsection (a)(4) and (5), upon
14 notification of incarceration, the department shall temporarily
15 suspend, for a period of no more than two years, medical
16 assistance for a recipient who becomes incarcerated in a
17 correctional institution. The suspension of medical assistance
18 shall cease and the recipient shall continue to receive medical

1 assistance upon notification of an inmate's release from the
2 correctional institution, subject to the eligibility
3 requirements under the Commonwealth's approved Title XIX State
4 Plan.

5 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (c), upon notification from a
6 correctional institution of an inmate's release and submission
7 by the inmate of an application, the department shall determine
8 the inmate's eligibility for medical assistance. Except as
9 provided under subsection (a) (4) and (5), medical assistance may
10 not be provided until the date of the inmate's release.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.