
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2018 First Extraordinary Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill
No. 3 by Representative Hoffmann

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, delete "460.106," and insert in lieu thereof "460.107,"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 5, after "program;" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 6 in its
5 entirety

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, at the beginning of line 7, delete "condition of Medicaid eligibility for certain
8 adult enrollees;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, line 16, delete "460.106," and insert in lieu thereof "460.107,"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 5

12 On page 2, delete lines 9 through 17 in their entirety

13 AMENDMENT NO. 6

14 On page 2, at the beginning of line 18, change "(4)" to "(1)"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 7

16 On page 2, at the beginning of line 19, change "(5)" to "(2)"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 8

18 On page 2, at the beginning of line 21, change "(6)" to "(3)"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 9

20 On page 2, at the beginning of line 22, change "(7)" to "(4)"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 10

22 On page 3, after line 22, delete the remainder of the page and delete page 4 in its entirety and
23 insert in lieu thereof the following:

24 "§460.104. Work and community engagement initiative plan; purpose;
25 requirements; exemptions

26 A.(1) The secretary shall submit to the House and Senate committees on
27 health and welfare a plan for a work and community engagement initiative in the
28 Medicaid program that conforms with the provisions of this Section, and shall
29 commence to implement the plan upon approval by the committees.

30 (2) The plan may include submission of a section 1115 waiver application
31 to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a program in which certain

1 working-age, non-pregnant adults who qualify for Medicaid on a basis other than a
 2 disability will be required to participate in certain work or community engagement
 3 activities unless they qualify for an exemption as provided in Subsection C of this
 4 Section.

5 (3) The plan may incorporate a workforce development component.

6 (4) The plan may identify alignment opportunities with current work
 7 promotion programs in place for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, if
 8 practicable.

9 (5)(a) The secretary shall ensure that the work and community engagement
 10 initiative proposed in the plan can be implemented in a cost-effective manner and
 11 with maximum administrative efficiency.

12 (b) The secretary may model the work and community engagement initiative
 13 proposed in the plan, in whole or in part, on a similar initiative of any other state.

14 B.(1) Work activities required by the work and community engagement
 15 initiative may include any of the following:

16 (a) Full-time or part-time employment.

17 (b) Career planning, job training, or referral and job support services.

18 (2) Community engagement activities required by the work and community
 19 engagement initiative may include any of the following:

20 (a) Volunteer work.

21 (b) Community service.

22 (c) Education.

23 (3) The secretary shall establish minimum participation standards, in terms
 24 of average number of hours per week or per month, for participants in the initiative.

25 C. Beneficiaries to be exempt from work and community engagement
 26 requirements may include any of the following:

27 (1) Any individual who is a primary caregiver of a dependent.

28 (2) Any parent or caretaker of a dependent child who is under the age of
 29 public school eligibility.

30 (3) Individuals with health-related barriers to employment.

31 (4) Other persons or populations with extenuating circumstances as
 32 determined by the secretary.

33 D. The work and community engagement initiative shall include procedures
 34 that allow for an assessment of beneficiaries' abilities and barriers to employment in
 35 order to identify appropriate services, supports, and any modifications necessary for
 36 those individuals to participate in work and community engagement activities and
 37 attain long-term employment and self-sufficiency.

38 E. The work and community engagement initiative shall ensure all of the
 39 following:

40 (1) That individuals with substance use disorders, who may not be defined
 41 as disabled for Medicaid purposes but may be protected by certain disability laws,
 42 have access to appropriate Medicaid coverage and treatment services.

43 (2) That individuals with a serious medical condition or terminal illness have
 44 access to appropriate Medicaid coverage and treatment services.

45 (3) That beneficiaries have support in meeting work and community
 46 engagement requirements through linkages to resources for job training or other
 47 employment services, child care assistance, transportation, or other work supports
 48 necessary to help beneficiaries prepare for work or increase their earnings.

49 (4) That the project adheres to all requirements set forth by the Centers for
 50 Medicare and Medicaid Services, including but not limited to due process for
 51 recipients, transparency, budget neutrality, monitoring, and evaluation.

52 F. The work and community engagement initiative shall establish supports
 53 for beneficiaries in regions with limited employment opportunities or localities
 54 facing particular economic stress or lack of viable transportation.

1 G. The work and community engagement initiative shall include measures
 2 to address social determinants of health, including but not limited to the conditions
 3 in which people are born, grow, live, and age, including neighborhood and physical
 4 environment, early child development and education, nutrition, community and
 5 social context, and availability of health services.

6 H. Prior to submitting the plan for the work and community engagement
 7 initiative for legislative approval as required by Subsection A of this Section, the
 8 department shall administer a public input process that provides an opportunity for
 9 consideration of the views of Medicaid beneficiaries, applicants, and other
 10 stakeholders, and for gathering input that may support continuous improvement of
 11 the program.

12 §460.105. Implementation subject to appropriation

13 Implementation of the provisions of this Part shall be subject to the
 14 appropriation of funds for this purpose.

15 §460.106. Administrative rulemaking"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 11

17 On page 5, at the beginning of line 1, delete "B."

18 AMENDMENT NO. 12

19 On page 5, line 2, after "necessary to" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 3
 20 through 7 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

21 "implement the provisions of this Part.

22 §460.107. Access to health care; limitation prohibited

23 Nothing in this Part shall cause access to health care to become temporarily
 24 or permanently prohibitive or excluded to the citizenry of Louisiana."

25 AMENDMENT NO. 13

26 On page 5, at the beginning of line 8, change "Section 3." to "Section 2."