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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC
ASSISTANCE CASELOAD ESTIMATING CONFERENCES

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Seveney, Paolino, Pearson, and Murray

Date Introduced: January 19, 2021

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 35-17-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 35-17 entitled "Medical
2 Assistance and Public Assistance Caseload Estimating Conferences" is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:

4 **35-17-1. Purpose and membership.**

5 (a) In order to provide for a more stable and accurate method of financial planning and
6 budgeting, it is hereby declared the intention of the legislature that there be a procedure for the
7 determination of official estimates of anticipated medical assistance expenditures and caseloads for
8 public assistance ~~caseloads~~ shall include, but not be limited to, the following agencies: the
9 executive office of health and human services (EOHHS), the department of human services (DHS),
10 the department of children, youth and families (DCYF), and the department of behavioral
11 healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals (BHDDH), upon which the executive budget
12 shall be based and for which appropriations by the general assembly shall be made.

13 (b) The state budget officer, the house fiscal advisor, and the senate fiscal advisor shall
14 meet in regularly scheduled caseload estimating conferences (C.E.C.). These conferences shall be
15 open public meetings.

16 (c) The chairpersonship of each regularly scheduled C.E.C. will rotate among the state
17 budget officer, the house fiscal advisor, and the senate fiscal advisor, hereinafter referred to as
18 principals. The schedule shall be arranged so that no chairperson shall preside over two (2)

1 successive regularly scheduled conferences on the same subject.

2 (d) Representatives of all state agencies are to participate in all conferences for which their
3 input is germane.

4 (e) The ~~department of human services~~ executive office of health and human services
5 (EOHHS), the department of human services (DHS), the department of children, youth and families
6 (DCYF), and the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals
7 (BHDDH) shall provide monthly data to the members of the caseload estimating conference by the
8 fifteenth day of the following month. Monthly data shall include, but is not limited to, actual
9 caseloads and expenditures for the following ~~case assistance~~ programs:

10 (1) The department of human services shall report relevant caseload information and
11 expenditures for the following cash assistance categories: Rhode Island Works, SSI state program,
12 general public assistance, and child care. For individuals eligible to receive the payment under §
13 40-6-27(a)(1)(vi), the report shall include the number of individuals enrolled in a managed care
14 plan receiving long-term care services and supports and the number receiving fee-for-service
15 benefits.

16 (2) The executive office of health and human services shall report relevant caseload
17 information and expenditures for the following medical assistance categories: hospitals, long-term
18 care, managed care, pharmacy, and other medical services. In the category of managed care,
19 caseload information and expenditures shall include hospitals, long-term care, managed care,
20 pharmacy and other medical services and for the following populations shall be separately
21 identified and reported: children with disabilities, children in foster care, and children receiving
22 adoption assistance and RIte Share enrollees under § 40-8.4-12(j).

23 (3) The department of children, youth and families shall report relevant caseload
24 information and expenditures for the following service categories: residential care services, foster
25 care services, behavioral health care services, adoption services/care, juvenile probation and parole
26 services/care, juvenile justice and education.

27 (4) The department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals shall
28 report relevant caseload information and expenditures for the following service categories:
29 developmental disability services, mental health services, behavioral health services, substance
30 abuse services, and hospital services, including forensics.

31 The information shall include the number of Medicaid recipients whose estate may be
32 subject to a recovery and the anticipated amount to be collected from those subject to recovery, the
33 total recoveries collected each month and number of estates attached to the collections and each
34 month, the number of open cases and the number of cases that have been open longer than three

1 [\(3\)](#) months.

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the participation and input of the EOHHS, DHS, DCYF and
2 BHDDH in medical assistance and public assistance caseload estimating conferences and the
3 generation of monthly data to the members of the case load estimating conference.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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