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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Introduced By: Senators DiMario, Lauria, Zurier, Acosta, Murray, Thompson, Quezada, Kallman, Britto, and Mack

Date Introduced: January 23, 2026

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 40-8 of the General Laws entitled "Medical Assistance" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:
3 **40-8-33. Graduate student services covered.**
4 Notwithstanding any general law, public law, special law, rule or regulation to the contrary,
5 Medicaid reimbursement shall be provided under this chapter for services provided by a graduate
6 student intern in one of the mental health professional disciplines who is formally assigned by an
7 accredited college/university to an agency or facility for clinical training. The graduate student
8 intern shall be allowed to receive compensation from these reimbursed hours and the supervising
9 organization is allowed to retain a portion of the compensation to cover expenses related to
10 supervisory work. A mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee shall:
11 (1) Comply with requirements for licensure or board certification as a mental health
12 professional including supervised practice in the delivery of mental health services for the treatment
13 of mental illness; or
14 (2) Be a graduate student in a bona fide field placement or internship under a program
15 leading to completion of the requirements for licensure as a mental health professional.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide that services provided by graduate student interns who work under
- 2 a supervisory protocol would be eligible to be paid from Medicaid reimbursement.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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