

March 23, 2009

H 737. DHHS SHALL SEEK TBI MEDICAID WAIVER. Filed 3/23/09. *TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SEEK A MEDICAID WAIVER FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.*

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (Department) to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a 1915(c) waiver to allow people who sustain traumatic brain injury after age 22 to access home and community-based Medicaid services. Provides that if the requested waiver is approved, the Department is not to implement the waiver except as authorized by an act of the General Assembly appropriating funds for this purpose. Directs the Department to report, no later than March 1, 2010, on the status of the waiver to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

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