

THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 280 of 1939

***** 400.107b.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 *****

400.107b.added Workforce engagement requirements waiver; implementation; survey; compliance review.

Sec. 107b. (1) No later than October 1, 2018, the department must apply for or apply to amend a waiver under section 1115 of the social security act, 42 USC 1315, and submit subsequent waivers to prohibit and prevent a lapse in the workforce engagement requirements as a condition of receiving medical assistance under section 105d. The waiver must be a request to allow for all of the following:

(a) A requirement of 80 hours average per month of qualifying activities or a combination of any qualifying activities, to count toward the workforce engagement requirement under this section.

(b) A requirement that able-bodied recipients verify that they are meeting the workforce engagement requirements by the tenth of each month for the previous month's qualifying activities through MiBridges or any other subsequent system. A recipient is allowed 3 months of noncompliance within a 12-month period. The recipient may use a noncompliance month either by self-reporting that he or she is not in compliance that month or by the default method of not reporting compliance for that month. The department shall notify the recipient after each time a noncompliance month is used. After a recipient uses 3 noncompliance months in a 12-month period, the recipient loses coverage for at least 1 month until he or she becomes compliant under this section.

(c) Allow substance use disorder treatment that is court-ordered, prescribed by a licensed medical professional, or is a Medicaid-funded substance use disorder treatment, to count toward the workforce engagement requirements if the treatment impedes the ability to meet the workforce engagement requirements.

(d) A requirement that community service must be completed with a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 501. Community service can only be used as a qualifying activity for up to 3 months in a 12-month period.

(e) A requirement that a recipient who is also a recipient of the supplemental nutrition assistance program or the temporary assistance for needy families program who is in compliance with or exempt from the work requirements of the supplemental nutrition assistance program or the temporary assistance for needy families program is considered to be in compliance with or exempt from the workforce engagement requirements in this section.

(f) An exemption for a recipient who meets 1 or more of the following conditions:

(i) A recipient who is the caretaker of a family member who is under the age of 6 years. This exemption allows only 1 parent at a time to be a caretaker, no matter how many children are being cared for.

(ii) A recipient who is currently receiving temporary or permanent long-term disability benefits from a private insurer or from the government.

(iii) A recipient who is a full-time student who is not a dependent of a parent or guardian or whose parent or guardian qualifies for Medicaid. This subparagraph includes a student in a postsecondary institution or certificate program.

(iv) A recipient who is pregnant.

(v) A recipient who is the caretaker of a dependent with a disability which dependent needs full-time care based on a licensed medical professional's order. This exemption is allowed 1 time per household.

(vi) A recipient who is the caretaker of an incapacitated individual even if the incapacitated individual is not a dependent of the caretaker.

(vii) A recipient who has proven that he or she has met the good cause temporary exemption.

(viii) A recipient who has been designated as medically frail.

(ix) A recipient who has a medical condition that results in a work limitation according to a licensed medical professional's order.

(x) A recipient who has been incarcerated within the last 6 months.

(xi) A recipient who is receiving unemployment benefits from this state. This exemption applies during the period the recipient received unemployment benefits and ends when the recipient is no longer receiving unemployment benefits.

(xii) A recipient who is under 21 years of age who had previously been in a foster care placement in this state.

(2) After the waiver requested under this section is approved, the department must include, but is not limited to, all of the following, as approved in the waiver, in its implementation of the workforce engagement

requirements under this section:

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(3) The department may first direct recipients to existing resources for job training or other employment services, child care assistance, transportation, or other supports. The department may develop strategies for assisting recipients to meet workforce engagement requirements under this section.

(4) Beginning October 1, 2018 and each year the department submits a waiver to prohibit and prevent a lapse in the workforce engagement requirements after that, the Medicaid director must submit to the governor, the senate majority leader, and the speaker of the house of representatives a letter confirming the submission of the waiver request required under subsection (1).

(5) Beginning January 1, 2020, the department must execute a survey to obtain the information needed to complete an evaluation of the medical assistance program under section 105d to determine how many recipients have left the Healthy Michigan program as a result of obtaining employment and medical benefits.

(6) The department must execute a survey to obtain the information needed to submit a report to the legislature beginning January 1, 2021, and every January 1 after that, that shows, for medical assistance under

section 105d known as Healthy Michigan, the number of exemptions from workforce engagement requirements granted to individuals in that year and the reason the exemptions were granted.

(7) The department shall enforce the provisions of this section by conducting the compliance review process on medical assistance recipients under section 105d who are required to meet the workforce engagement requirements of this section. If a recipient is found, through the compliance review process, to have misrepresented his or her compliance with the workforce engagement requirements in this section, he or she shall not be allowed to participate in the Healthy Michigan program under section 105d for a 1-year period.

(8) The department shall implement the requirements of this section no later than January 1, 2020, and shall notify recipients to whom the workforce engagement requirements described in this section are likely to apply of the workforce engagement requirements 90 days in advance.

(9) The cost of initial implementation of the workforce engagement requirements required under this section shall not be considered when determining the cost-benefit analysis required under section 105d(28)(b). The cost of initial implementation does not include the cost of ongoing administration of the workforce engagement requirements. The ongoing costs of administering the workforce engagement requirements required under this section may have up to a \$5,000,000.00 general fund/general purpose revenue limit that shall not be counted when determining the cost-benefit analysis required under section 105d(28)(b). Any ongoing costs above \$5,000,000.00 of general fund/general purpose revenue to administer the workforce engagement requirements under this section shall be considered in the cost-benefit analysis required under section 105d(28)(b).

(10) Beginning January 1, 2020, medical assistance recipients who are not exempt from the workforce engagement requirements under this section must be in compliance with this section. Beginning January 1, 2020, a medical assistance applicant who is not exempt from the work engagement requirements under this section must be in compliance with this section not more than 30 days after an eligibility determination is made.

(11) The department shall not withdraw, terminate, or amend any waiver submitted under this section without the express approval of the legislature in the form of a bill enacted by law.

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