

HOUSE BILL NO. 386

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO APPLY FOR REINSTATEMENT OF 12-MONTH CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN MEDICAID COVERAGE GROUPS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Twelve-month continuous eligibility for parents, caretaker relatives, and medicaid expansion population -- direction to department of public health and human services. (1)

The legislature directs the department of public health and human services to apply for ~~amendments to existing medicaid section 1115 waivers a medicaid section 1115 waiver~~ to authorize reinstatement of 12-month continuous eligibility for medicaid coverage for:

(a) parents and caretaker relatives, as allowed prior to the waiver amendment approved March 30, 2022; and

(b) adults eligible for medicaid pursuant to Title 53, chapter 6, part 13, as allowed prior to the waiver amendment approved December 21, 2021.

(2) The department shall ~~submit amendments apply for the waiver provided for in subsection (1) no later than September 30, 2025, to authorize 12-month continuous eligibility under:~~

~~(a) — the waiver for additional services and populations, project number 11-W-00181/8, for parents and caretaker relatives initially determined eligible for medicaid in the eligibility groups described in section 1931 and section 1925 of the federal Social Security Act; and~~

~~(b) — the health and economic livelihood partnership waiver, project number 11-W-00300/8, for the medicaid expansion population.~~

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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