



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Sens. Burke and LaRose, Coley, Balderson, Beagle, Brown, Cafaro, Eklund, Faber, Gardner, Gentile, Hite, Hottinger, Jones, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, Oelslager, Patton, Peterson, Sawyer, Schiavoni, Seitz, Skindell, Tavares, Thomas, Uecker, Widener, Williams, Yuko

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) to review the public assistance reporting information system to determine whether an individual who is a medical assistance recipient may be eligible for federal military-related healthcare benefits.
- If potential eligibility is determined, requires ODM to notify the individual of the potential eligibility and encourage the individual to contact the appropriate county veterans service commission.
- Requires the Director of Veterans Services to develop, institute, and monitor a program under which the Department of Veterans Services assists individuals, who are medical assistance recipients, to obtain federal military-related health care benefits.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Medical assistance recipients' eligibility for federal military-related health care benefits

The bill requires the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) to review information in the public assistance reporting information system to determine whether an individual who is a medical assistance recipient may be eligible for federal military-related healthcare benefits. "Federal military-related health care benefits" means any of the health care benefits provided by the United States Department of Defense or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to current or former service members and their eligible dependents, including the benefits provided through the programs known

as TRICARE and CHAMPVA (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs).

If ODM determines that the individual may be eligible for federal military-related health care benefits, it must notify the individual of the potential eligibility and encourage the individual to contact the veterans service commission in the county in which the individual resides for assistance in applying for the benefits. ODM must provide the appropriate contact information to the individual.¹

Additionally, the bill requires the Director of Veterans Services to develop, institute, and monitor a program under which the Department of Veterans Services assists individuals, who are medical assistance recipients, to obtain federal military-related health care benefits.²

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 5160.471.

² R.C. 5902.21.

