



S.B. 215

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Provides that redeterminations of Medicaid eligibility may not be required to be made less than 12 months apart.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Background

Medicaid is a joint state-federal program that provides health care coverage to low income families, children, aged, and disabled persons who meet criteria established by the Social Security Act, federal regulations, the Ohio Revised Code, and state rules. Medicaid covers many services, including hospital, physician, prescription, and long-term care services. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is responsible for the oversight and administration of the Medicaid state plan.

The bill

Ohio law permits the Director of Job and Family Services to adopt, by rule, additional requirements regarding the provision of Medicaid. The rules may include special conditions as the Department determines appropriate for making application, determining eligibility, and verifying eligibility for any medical assistance that ODJFS may provide pursuant to expanded eligibility programs. Current ODJFS rules generally provide that Medicaid eligibility for covered families and children must be redetermined every six months.¹

The bill prohibits the Director from adopting any rule that would require redeterminations of Medicaid eligibility to be made less than 12 months apart.

¹ *Ohio Administrative Code 5101:1-38-01(K).*

HISTORY

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