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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the suspension or termination of medical
2 assistance during the period that an individual is committed
3 to certain facilities or institutions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 249A.38 COMMITTED INDIVIDUALS ==
1 2 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.
1 3 1. The medical assistance benefits of a person who
1 4 received medical assistance benefits prior to commitment to an
1 5 institution or facility under the control of the department of
1 6 corrections, to a community-based correctional facility, to a
1 7 county or municipal jail or detention facility, or to any
1 8 other institution or facility by reason of an arrest or charge
1 9 for or conviction of a crime, may be suspended rather than
1 10 terminated for the initial twelve-month period of commitment.
1 11 Following the initial twelve-month period of commitment, such
1 12 benefits may be terminated.
1 13 2. The entity with control of the institution or facility
1 14 to which an individual under subsection 1 is committed shall
1 15 notify the department to redetermine the eligibility of the
1 16 individual prior to release of the individual in order to
1 17 provide the individual, if determined eligible, with coverage
1 18 under the medical assistance program immediately upon release.
1 19 EXPLANATION
1 20 This bill provides for the suspension rather than
1 21 termination of medical assistance benefits of a person who
1 22 received medical assistance benefits prior to commitment to an
1 23 institution or facility under the control of the department of
1 24 corrections, to a community-based correctional facility, to a
1 25 county or municipal jail or detention facility, or to any
1 26 other institution or facility by reason of an arrest or charge
1 27 for or conviction of a crime, during the initial 12-month
1 28 period of commitment. Following the initial 12-month period
1 29 of commitment, such benefits may be terminated. Additionally,
1 30 the bill requires the entity with control of the institution
1 31 or facility to which the individual is committed to notify the
1 32 department of human services to redetermine the eligibility of
1 33 the individual prior to release of the individual in order to
1 34 provide the individual, if determined eligible, with coverage
1 35 under the medical assistance program immediately upon release.
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