

Senate File 538 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 538
BY COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
BUSINESS RELATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1134)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to community engagement activity requirements
2 under the Iowa health and wellness plan.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION WAIVER REQUEST —
2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR IOWA HEALTH AND WELLNESS
3 PLAN MEMBERS.

4 1. The department of human services shall submit a request
5 by October 1, 2019, to receive federal approval from the
6 centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States
7 department of health and human services (CMS) for a section
8 1115 demonstration waiver to require that as a condition of
9 eligibility, Iowa health and wellness plan members participate
10 in community engagement activities.

11 2. The waiver request submitted by the department shall
12 require that, unless an individual is exempt pursuant to
13 subsection 3, as a condition of eligibility for the Iowa health
14 and wellness plan, a recipient shall do one of the following:

15 a. Work twenty hours or more per week, averaged on a monthly
16 basis.

17 b. Participate in and comply with the requirements of a work
18 program for twenty hours or more per week, as determined by the
19 department.

20 c. Volunteer twenty hours or more per week, as determined
21 by the department.

22 d. Meet a combination of work and work program participation
23 requirements for a total of twenty hours or more per week, as
24 determined by the department.

25 e. Participate in and comply with the PROMISE JOBS program
26 pursuant to chapter 239B.

27 3. The following individuals shall be exempt from the
28 requirements specified in subsection 2:

29 a. An individual medically certified as physically or
30 mentally unfit for employment.

31 b. An individual who is pregnant.

32 c. A parent or caretaker responsible for the care of a
33 dependent child under one year of age.

34 d. A parent or caretaker personally providing the care for a
35 dependent child with a serious medical condition or disability,

1 as determined by the department.

2 e. An individual receiving unemployment compensation and
3 complying with work requirements of the federal or state
4 unemployment compensation system.

5 f. An individual participating in a drug or alcohol
6 treatment and rehabilitation program.

7 4. The department shall implement the Medicaid waiver upon
8 receipt of federal approval and shall adopt rules pursuant to
9 chapter 17A to administer the waiver provisions.

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EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill requires the department of human services (DHS)
14 to submit a request by October 1, 2019, to receive federal
15 approval from the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of
16 the United States department of health and human services (CMS)
17 for a waiver to require that as a condition of eligibility,
18 Iowa health and wellness plan members participate in community
19 engagement activities. The bill specifies the types of
20 community engagement activities to be required under the waiver
21 submitted and provides exceptions to required participation
22 in community engagement activities. The bill directs DHS to
23 implement the waiver upon receipt of federal approval and to
24 adopt administrative rules to administer the waiver provisions.