



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

SB2292

Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Scott M. Bennett

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-41 new

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that, subject to federal approval, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in cooperation with the Department of Human Services' Division of Developmental Disabilities, shall establish a Bridge to Community Supports for Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities Waiver Program (waiver program). Provides that the waiver program shall serve young adults with developmental disabilities who are at least 18 years of age but under 27 years of age from the time they graduate from high school or are no longer eligible for special education services until they are removed from the Prioritization for Urgency of Need for Services database or until the day before their 27th birthday, whichever occurs first. Provides that the waiver program shall provide an array of self-directed service choices, based on a person-centered plan developed with the eligible young adult, at a maximum of \$15,000 per individual per year. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to apply to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a research and demonstration waiver under the Social Security Act to establish the waiver program. Provides that implementation of the waiver program is subject to federal approval. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 adding Section 5-41 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-41 new)

7 Sec. 5-41. Bridge to Community Supports for Young Adults
8 with Developmental Disabilities Waiver Program.

9 (a) The purpose of the waiver program created under this
10 Section is to provide services to individuals with
11 developmental disabilities during the period after they
12 graduate from high school until they qualify for adult
13 services.

14 (b) Subject to federal approval, the Department of
15 Healthcare and Family Services, in cooperation with the
16 Department of Human Services' Division of Developmental
17 Disabilities, shall establish a Bridge to Community Supports
18 for Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities Waiver
19 Program. The waiver program shall serve young adults with
20 developmental disabilities who are at least 18 years of age
21 but under 27 years of age from the time they graduate from high
22 school or are no longer eligible for special education
23 services until they are removed from the Prioritization for

1 Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) database or until the day
2 before their 27th birthday, whichever occurs first.

3 The waiver program shall provide the following array of
4 self-directed service choices, based on a person-centered plan
5 developed with the eligible young adult, at a maximum of
6 \$15,000 per individual per year:

7 (1) Day activities.

8 (2) Employment and training supports and services.

9 (3) Health and wellness support.

10 (4) Post-secondary education and literacy skills
11 development.

12 (5) Career and technical training.

13 (6) Assistive technology devices and services to
14 enable participation in allowable activities.

15 (7) Respite services.

16 (8) Independent living skills development.

17 (9) Social and emotional development.

18 (10) Behavioral supports and interventions.

19 (11) Community experiences.

20 (c) Within 180 days after the effective date of this
21 amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly, the Department
22 of Healthcare and Family Services shall apply to the federal
23 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a research and
24 demonstration waiver under Section 1115 of the Social Security
25 Act in order to establish the Bridge to Community Supports for
26 Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities Waiver Program.

1 Implementation of the waiver program shall be subject to
2 federal approval.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.