



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Final Analysis

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- Reps.** Perales, Bishoff, Landis, Retherford, Terhar, Amstutz, Anielski, Antani, Antonio, Arndt, Barnes, Blessing, Bocchieri, Boose, Boyce, Boyd, Brenner, Brown, Buchy, Burkley, Butler, Celebrezze, Cera, Conditt, Craig, Cupp, Derickson, Dever, DeVitis, Dovilla, Driehaus, Duffey, Fedor, Ginter, Green, Grossman, Hackett, Hagan, Hall, Hambley, Hayes, Henne, Hill, Howse, G. Johnson, T. Johnson, Koehler, Kuhns, Kunze, LaTourette, Lepore-Hagan, Maag, Manning, McClain, McColley, M. O'Brien, S. O'Brien, Patterson, Pelanda, Phillips, Ramos, Reece, Reineke, Rezabek, Rogers, Romanchuk, Ruhl, Ryan, Schaffer, Scherer, Schuring, Sears, Sheehy, Slesnick, K. Smith, R. Smith, Sprague, Stinziano, Strahorn, Sweeney, Sykes, Thompson, Young, Zeltwanger, Rosenberger

Effective date: March 23, 2016

ACT 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 institute a program under which the Department of Veterans Services assists individuals, who are medical assistance recipients, to obtain federal military-related health care benefits.
- Modifies eligibility for the enhanced homestead exemption for disabled veterans.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Medical assistance recipients' eligibility for military-related benefits

The act 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 health care benefits. "Federal military-related health care benefits" means any health care benefits provided by the U.S. Department of Defense or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to current or former service members and their eligible dependents, including through the programs known as TRICARE and CHAMPVA (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs).

If ODM determines that an 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 appropriate county veterans service commission for assistance in applying for the benefits. ODM must provide the appropriate contact information to the individual.¹

Additionally, the act 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

Homestead exemption for disabled veterans

Beginning in tax year 2015, the act modifies eligibility for the homestead exemption for disabled veterans to mean veterans who receive a total disability rating for compensation based on individual unemployability due to a service-connected disability. Under prior law, a veteran who had received a permanent total disability or a total disability rating for which federal regulations prescribe a 100% disability rating was eligible to receive the exemption.

Moreover, to receive the homestead exemption, the act states a veteran must have been discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces under honorable conditions. Former law did not contain this requirement.³

¹ R.C. 5160.471.

² R.C. 5902.21.

³ R.C. 323.151; Section 3.



HISTORY

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