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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAID

Introduced By: Representatives Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Sanchez, Potter, Giraldo,
Felix, Henries, Speakman, Tanzi, and Nardone

Date Introduced: March 01, 2023

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 40-8 of the General Laws entitled "Medical Assistance" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **40-8-6.2. Recertification requirements - Information required.**

4 Whenever the department of human services shall be required or take action to recertify a
5 Medicaid recipient, the department shall ensure that the recipient's most recent up-to-date contact
6 information is in the department's possession by using the National Change of Address Database
7 maintained by the United State Postal Service, other public program information, or other reliable
8 sources of contact information. Furthermore, the department may not disenroll a recipient on the
9 basis of returned mail, and may only disenroll a recipient after the department has successfully
10 contacted or made a good faith effort to contact an individual using more than one communication
11 mode to include, but not limited to: mail; phone; text; or email.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1 This act would require the department of human services to obtain an individual's most
2 recent up-to-date contact information prior to disenrollment of benefits.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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