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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the date of enrollment in the child health insurance plan

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 2511 of the public health law is
2 amended by adding a new paragraph (i) to read as follows:
3 (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISION OF LAW, RULE OR REGU-
4 LATION:
5 (I) A NEWBORN CHILD WHO MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA SET FORTH IN
6 THIS SUBDIVISION OR SUBDIVISION FIVE OF THIS SECTION, AS DETERMINED BY
7 AN APPROVED ORGANIZATION OR THE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE MARKETPLACE,
8 WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, SHALL BE ENROLLED RETROACTIVELY TO THE FIRST
9 DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THE CHILD IS BORN, PROVIDED THAT THE APPLICANT
10 FOR INSURANCE SUBMITS A COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION AND REQUIRED
11 INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF THE CHILD'S BIRTH.
12 (II) A NEWBORN CHILD SHALL BE PRESUMED ELIGIBLE FOR SUBSIDY PAYMENTS
13 UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION OR ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE UNDER SUBDIVISION FIVE
14 OF THIS SECTION, PROVIDED THAT THE APPLICANT FOR INSURANCE SUBMITS A
15 COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF THE CHILD'S BIRTH.
16 ONCE ELIGIBILITY IS DETERMINED BY THE APPROVED ORGANIZATION OR THE
17 HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE MARKETPLACE, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, ON THE
18 BASIS OF PRELIMINARY INFORMATION, THE CHILD SHALL BE ENROLLED RETROAC-
19 TIVELY TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THE CHILD IS BORN. ALL
20 OTHER PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS REGARDING PRESUMPTIVE ENROLLMENT APPLICA-
21 BLE TO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN ENROLLED UNDER THIS TITLE AND SPECIFIED IN
22 STATE CONTRACTS WITH APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS OR IMPLEMENTED BY THE HEALTH
23 INSURANCE EXCHANGE MARKETPLACE, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, SHALL APPLY TO
24 PRESUMPTIVE ENROLLMENT OF NEWBORN CHILDREN.
25 S 2. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (g) of subdivision 2 of section
26 2511 of the public health law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of
27 2015 amending the public health law, relating to the date of enrollment
28 in the child health insurance plan, as proposed in legislative bills
29 numbers S.4745-B and A.7155-B, is amended to read as follows:

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (i) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law to the contrary
2 and subject to the availability of federal financial participation under
3 title XIX of the federal social security act, a child under the age of
4 nineteen shall be presumed to be eligible for subsidy payments and
5 temporarily enrolled for coverage under this title, once during a twelve
6 month period, beginning on the first day of the enrollment period
7 following the date that an approved organization determines, on the
8 basis of preliminary information, that a child's net household income
9 does not exceed the income level specified in title eleven of article
10 five of the social services law for children eligible for medical
11 assistance based on such child's age. [Provided, however, in the case of
12 a newborn child, the eligibility for subsidy payments and temporary
13 enrollment shall be the date of the child's birth if the applicant for
14 insurance applied prior to the child's birth or within sixty days after
15 the child's birth, and an approved organization, or the state enrollment
16 center, determines, on the basis of preliminary information, that the
17 child's net household income does not exceed the income level specified
18 in this title for children eligible for premium subsidy under this
19 title.] The temporary enrollment period shall continue until the earlier
20 of the date an eligibility determination is made pursuant to this title
21 or title eleven of article five of the social services law, or two
22 months after the date temporary enrollment begins; provided however, a
23 temporary enrollment period may be extended in the event an eligibility
24 determination under this title or title eleven of article five of the
25 social services law is not made within such two month period through no
26 fault of the applicant for insurance for medical assistance. The commis-
27 sioner shall assure that children who are enrolled pursuant to this
28 paragraph receive the appropriate follow-up for a determination of
29 eligibility for benefits under this title or title eleven of article
30 five of the social services law prior to the termination of the tempo-
31 rary enrollment period. The commissioner shall assure that children and
32 their families are informed of all available enrollment sites in accord-
33 ance with subdivision nine of this section.

34 S 3. Subdivision 5-b of section 2511 of the public health law, as
35 added by a chapter of the laws of 2015, amending the public health law,
36 relating to the date of enrollment in the child health insurance plan,
37 as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.4745-B and A.7155-B, is
38 REPEALED.

39 S 4. Section 3 of a chapter of the laws of 2015 amending the public
40 health law, relating to the date of enrollment in the child health
41 insurance plan, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.4745-B and
42 A.7155-B, is amended to read as follows:

43 S 3. This act shall take effect on January 1, [2016] 2017, provided,
44 however, that the amendments to paragraph (g) of subdivision 2 of
45 section 2511 of the public health law made by section one of this act
46 shall not affect the expiration of such paragraph and shall be deemed to
47 expire therewith [and provided, further that subdivision 5-b of section
48 2511 of the public health law as added by section two of this act shall
49 expire and be deemed repealed on the same date as paragraph (g) of
50 subdivision 2 of such section expires pursuant to chapter 2 of the laws
51 of 1998, as amended].

52 S 5. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
53 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2015, amending the public health law,
54 relating to the date of enrollment in the child health insurance plan,
55 as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.4745-B and A.7155-B, takes
56 effect.