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House Bill 4669

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Committee on Health and Human Resources then
Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §9-5-28, relating to the exclusion of participants in the state’s Jobs and Hope
 3 program from the forfeiture of their Medicaid benefits.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

§9-5-28. Exclusion of Jobs and Hope participants from Medicaid forfeiture.

1 A person who participants in the state’s Jobs & Hope recovery treatment program shall
 2 retain their Medicaid benefits for:

3 (1) One year after their income exceeds 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, as
 4 determined by the federal government; and

5 (2) After one year of extended coverage, participants may retain their Medicaid coverage
 6 for substance use services with the payment of a copayment for services, as determined by the
 7 Bureau of Medical Services, for an additional year.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to exempt participants in the Jobs & Hope program from Medicaid forfeiture for one year after they exceed 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. After one year of continued coverage, they may retain treatment services for a copayment fee.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.