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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMI	TTEE ACTION
ADOPTED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	(Y/N)
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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services Committee

Representative Yarborough offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 559-605 and insert:

Home Health Program for the purpose of awarding home health agencies or nurse registries that meet the criteria specified in this section.

- (2) (a) The agency shall adopt rules establishing criteria for the program which must include, at a minimum, meeting standards relating to:
 - 1. Patient or client satisfaction.
- 2. Patients or clients requiring emergency care for wound infections.

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	3.	Patients	or	clients	admitted	or	readmitted	to	an	acute
care	hosp	pital.								

- 4. Patient or client improvement in the activities of daily living.
 - 5. Employee satisfaction, as applicable.
 - 6. Quality of employee training, as applicable.
 - 7. Employee retention rates, as applicable.
- 8. High performance under federal Medicaid electronic visit verification requirements, as applicable.
- (b) The agency must annually evaluate home health agencies and nurse registries seeking the award which apply on a form and in the manner designated by rule.
 - (3) The home health agency or nurse registry must:
- (a) Be actively licensed and operating for at least 24 months to be eligible to apply for a program award. An award under the program is not transferrable to another license, except when the existing home health agency or nurse registry is being relicensed in the name of an entity related to the current licenseholder by common control or ownership, and there will be no change in the management, operation, or programs of the home health agency or nurse registry as a result of the relicensure.
- (b) Have had no licensure denials, revocations, or any
 Class I, Class II, or uncorrected Class III deficiencies within
 the 24 months preceding the application for the program award.

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40	(4) The award designation shall expire on the same date as
41	the home health agency's or nurse registry's license. A home
42	health agency or nurse registry must reapply and be approved for
43	the award designation to continue using the award designation in
44	the manner authorized under subsection (5).
45	(5) A home health agency or nurse registry that is awarded
46	under the program may use the designation in advertising and
47	marketing. A home health agency or nurse registry may not use
48	the award designation in any advertising or marketing if the
49	home health agency or nurse registry:
50	(a) Has not been awarded the designation;
51	(b) Fails to renew the award upon expiration of the award
52	designation;
53	(c) Has undergone a change in ownership that does not
54	qualify for an exception under paragraph (3)(a); or
55	(d) Has been notified that it no longer meets the criteria
56	for the award upon reapplication after expiration of the award
57	designation.
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60	TITLE AMENDMENT
61	Remove lines 36-41 and insert:
62	annually evaluate certain home health agencies and nurse

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registries that apply for a program award; providing eligibility

requirements; requiring an agency to reapply biennially for the

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award designation; authorizing an award recipient to use the designation in advertising and marketing; prohibiting a home health agency or nurse registry from

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