

No. 128

AN ACT

HB 827

Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public welfare laws of the Commonwealth," bringing podiatrists within certain provisions of the act.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Sections 443.2, 443.3 and 443.4, act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the "Public Welfare Code," added July 31, 1968 (P.L.904, No.273), are amended to read:

Section 443.2. Medical Assistance Payments for Home Health Care.—The following medical assistance payments shall be made in behalf of eligible persons whose care in the home has been prescribed by a physician, [or] chiropractor *or podiatrist*:

(1) Rates established by the department for post-hospital home care, as specified by regulations of the department adopted under Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act for not more than one hundred eighty days following a period of hospitalization, if such care is related to the reason the person was hospitalized and if given by a hospital as comprehensive, hospital type care in a patient's home;

(2) Rates established by the department for home health care services if such services are furnished by a voluntary or governmental health agency.

Section 443.3. Other Medical Assistance Payments.—Payments on behalf of eligible persons shall be made for other services, as follows:

(1) Rates established by the department for outpatient services as specified by regulations of the department adopted under Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act consisting of preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative or palliative services; furnished by or under the direction of a physician, [or] chiropractor *or podiatrist*, by a hospital or outpatient clinic which qualifies to participate under Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act, to a patient to whom such hospital or outpatient clinic does not furnish room, board and professional services on a continuous, twenty-four hour a day basis.

(2) Rates established by the department for (i) other laboratory and X-ray services prescribed by a physician, [or] chiropractor *or podiatrist* and furnished by a facility other than a hospital which is qualified to participate under Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act, (ii) physician's services consisting of professional care by a physician, [or] chiropractor *or podiatrist* in his office, the patient's home, a hospital, a nursing home or elsewhere, (iii) the first three pints of whole blood, (iv) remedial eye care, as provided in Article VIII consisting of medical or

surgical care and aids and services and other vision care provided by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist which are not otherwise available under this Article, (v) special medical services for school children, as provided in the Public School Code of 1949, consisting of medical, dental, vision care provided by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist or surgical care and aids and services which are not otherwise available under this article.

Section 443.4. Additional Services for Eligible Persons Other Than the Medically Needy.—Except for the medically needy, persons eligible for medical assistance may, pursuant to regulations of the department, also receive dental services, vision care provided by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist prescribed medications, prosthetics and appliances, ambulance transportation, skilled nursing home care for an unlimited period of time, and other remedial, palliative or therapeutic services prescribed by or provided under the direction of a physician *or podiatrist*.

APPROVED—The 28th day of November, A. D. 1973.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 128.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*