

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 663**

TO MODIFY AND DEFER THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO THE CENTERS FOR  
MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES CONCERNING THE HOSPITALS WITHOUT WALLS PROGRAM;  
AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 663**

Amend Senate Bill No. 663 as originally introduced:

Add Representative Boyd as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO MODIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DURING A PUBLIC  
HEALTH EMERGENCY; AND TO DECLARE AN  
EMERGENCY."

AND

Page 1, delete line 29, and substitute the following:

"Medicare & Medicaid Services – Hospitals Without Walls initiative and other  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-certified facility flexibilities –  
Legislative"

AND

Page 1, line 33, delete "program allows" and substitute "initiative and other  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-certified facility flexibilities  
allow"

AND

Page 2, line 9, delete "program; and" and substitute "initiative and other  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-certified facility flexibilities;"

AND



Page 2, delete lines 13 and 14, and substitute the following:

"Services' Hospitals Without Walls initiative and other Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-certified facility flexibilities for the purpose of promoting public health in this state; and

(4) The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services may:

(A) Temporarily modify or waive certain requirements when there is a public health emergency; and

(B) Issue temporary blanket waivers or temporary specific waivers if the temporary waivers are intended to help beneficiaries access care."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 17 and 18, and substitute the following:

"(1) Allow all Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-certified facilities participating in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Hospitals Without Walls initiative and other Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-certified facility flexibilities to continue to"

AND

Page 2, delete line 22, and substitute the following:

"Walls initiative and other Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-certified facility flexibilities; or"

AND

Page 2, line 26, delete "department have" and substitute "department shall have"

AND

Page 2, line 28, delete "program is" and substitute "initiative and other Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-certified facility flexibilities are"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 33 through 36, and substitute the following:

"Hospitals Without Walls initiative.

(d) The department shall exercise the authority granted under subsection (c) of this section to suspend portions of its rules for facilities participating in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Hospitals Without Walls initiative and other Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-certified facility flexibilities."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 11, and substitute the following:

"(e)(1) This section applies to any future public health emergency if the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services implements an initiative similar to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Hospitals Without Walls initiative or other Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-certified facility flexibilities.

(2) Upon the implementation of an initiative described in subdivision (e)(1) of this section, a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-certified facility may seek any applicable waivers to implement a future initiative similar to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Hospitals Without Walls initiative or other Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-certified facility flexibilities during the period of a future public health emergency.

(f)(1) The General Assembly authorizes the department, as a federally authorized state survey agency for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, to implement temporary licensure waivers and flexibilities during the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency and any future public health emergency that duplicate or match the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services waivers.

(2) The temporary licensure waivers and flexibilities described in subdivision (f)(1) of this section may remain in place until:

(A) The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services waiver is terminated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; or

(B) The national public health emergency is declared over."

AND

Page 3, line 17, delete "Walls program" and substitute "Walls initiative and other Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-certified facility flexibilities"

AND

Page 3, line 22, delete "program can" and substitute "initiative and other Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-certified facility flexibilities can"

AND

Page 3, line 25, delete "Walls program" and substitute "Walls initiative and other Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-certified facility flexibilities"

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Representative Boyd  
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Chief Clerk