## (SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Requires the department to work in partnership with boarding homes, and medicaid applicants and their families, to ensure that department assessments of boarding home applicant care needs are completed in a timely manner.

Requires the department to complete an assessment of the care needs of current or potential medicaid boarding home residents within ten business days of application for services. If the department fails to complete the assessment within ten business days, and following a determination that the applicant qualifies for medicaid services, the department shall pay for services from the date of the request for assessment.