



Issue Brief: Intent Language Follow-up From Prior Year

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

BB: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SUMMARY

Intent language may be adopted by the Legislature to explain or place conditions on the use of funds. Intent language is binding for one year and may not contradict or change statutory language.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this issue brief is to determine if the Department of Health complied with the intent language adopted by the Legislature during the 2008 General Session.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following is a list of legislative intent from the 2008 General Session with the agency's response. The Analyst has no concerns of non-compliance with any intent language issued last year.

1. H.B. 2, Require Case Management Services for Individuals with Prader-Willi Syndrome:

The Legislature intends that the Department of Health pay for case management services for individuals affected by Prader-Willi Syndrome out of the existing Medicaid Mandatory Services budget.

Agency Response: The Division of Health Care Financing is reimbursing case management services provided for Prader-Willi syndrome clients enrolled in the Community Supports Waiver program.

2. H.B. 2, Medicaid Adult Vision Services:

The Legislature intends that the Department of Health pay for Medicaid adult vision services out of the existing Medicaid Optional Services budget.

Agency Response: The Division of Health Care Financing paid for eyeglasses and lenses from March 2008 through November 2008. The special session of the Legislature in September eliminated funding for these services.

3. H.B. 3, HB 258 Medicaid Drug Utilization Amendments:

The Legislature intends that the Department of Health implement provisions of "Medicaid Drug Utilization Amendments" (H.B. 258, 2008 General Session) using resources provided in Item 82 of "New Year Fiscal Supplemental Appropriations Act" (H.B. 2, 2008 General Session).

Agency Response: The Division of Health Care Financing has implemented the provisions of the "Medicaid Drug Utilization Amendments".

4. S.B.3, Non-lapsing Authority for Laboratory Equipment:

Under Section 63-38-8 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that up to \$250,000 of Item 97, Chapter 1, Laws of Utah 2007, Volume 1 not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2008. Expenditure of these funds is limited to laboratory equipment, computer equipment and/or software, and building improvements.

Agency Response: "The Lab carried forward 48,400 general funds from FY08, and year to date we have purchased modifications to the Carillon system \$10,500 and 1 dell laptop for Microbiology for \$1,252. We plan to spend the reaming 36,648 for a mass spectrometer for Chemistry \$20,000, hydrogen generator for chemistry and toxicology \$7,000, and repair the steam units on the 2 glassware washers for technical services \$9,648."

5. S.B.3, Non-lapsing Authority for Medicaid Management Information System:

Under Section 63-38-8 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that up to \$750,000 of Item 99 of Chapter 1, Laws of Utah 2007, Volume 1 for funding of the Medicaid Management Information System not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2008.

Agency Response: The Division of Health Care Financing non-lapsed \$750,000 of funding for funding of the Medicaid Management Information System at the close of Fiscal Year 2008. The Division is using the funding to pay a contractor and a few DHCF staff for planning and documentation of the new System requirements.

6. S.B.3, Adult Vision Program:

The Legislature intends that \$174,000 from one-time General Fund appropriated during the 2007 General Session provide Medicaid adult vision services under a fee-for-service system with a \$3 co-pay.

Agency Response: The Division of Health Care Financing paid for eyeglasses and lenses from March 2008 through November 2008. The special session of the Legislature in September eliminated funding for these services. The clients who received these services were charged a \$3 co-pay.