

AUTHENTIC CHARITY CARE MEDICAID PILOT PROGRAM

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Health Code and creates a pilot program in the state's medical assistance program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the state Medicaid program to develop an authentic charity care pilot program as part of the state Medicaid plan;
- ▶ requires the Medicaid program to present the proposal for an authentic charity care pilot program to the Legislature's Health and Human Services Interim Committee; and
- ▶ requires the Medicaid program to submit a Medicaid waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by January 1, 2012 to implement the authentic charity care pilot program.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-18-405, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-18-405** is enacted to read:

26-18-405. Medicaid waiver for authentic charity care pilot program.

(1) For purposes of this section "authentic charity care pilot program" is a program in which the department:

- (a) identifies Medicaid recipients who are capable of providing charitable care services

33 to others;

34 (b) exempts a Medicaid recipient who is not capable of providing charitable care
35 services from the requirements of the authentic charity care pilot program;

36 (c) identifies charitable care services that the department will recognize for purposes of
37 the pilot program; and

38 (d) requires an individual identified under Subsection (1)(a) who is receiving Medicaid
39 services to perform a certain number of hours of charitable care services as a condition of
40 receiving Medicaid benefits.

41 (2) (a) The department shall develop a proposal to amend the state Medicaid plan to
42 include an authentic charity care pilot program.

43 (b) The department shall present the proposal for the authentic charity care pilot
44 program to the Legislative Health and Human Services Interim Committee on or before
45 November 30, 2011.

46 (3) The department shall, by January 1, 2012, apply for a Medicaid waiver with the
47 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services within the U.S. Department of Health and Human
48 Services to implement an authentic charity care pilot program within the state Medicaid plan.