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Disability Coverage Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill addresses wraparound services for certain individuals with a disability.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
 defines terms;
 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (department) to apply for a
Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment to provide wraparound services to qualified
individuals with a disability;
 requires qualified individuals who receive services under the waiver or state plan
amendment to make cost-sharing payments according to a sliding scale established by
the department;
 specifies certain percentages and maximum payment amounts for the sliding scale
established by the department; and
 requires the department to make rules.
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
Utah Code Sections Affected:
ENACTS:
26B-3-229 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1. Section 26B-3-229 is enacted to read:
<u>26B-3-229</u> . Wraparound services for qualified individuals with a disability.
(1) As used in this section:
(a) "Federal poverty level" means the United States poverty level as defined by the most
recently revised poverty income guidelines published by the United States

32	Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register.
33	(b) "Minimum essential coverage" means the same as that term is defined in 26 U.S.C.
34	<u>Sec. 5000A.</u>
35	(c) "Qualified individual" means an individual who:
36	(i) is a disabled individual as described in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1382c;
37	(ii) within the past 12 months has been enrolled in the state Medicaid program;
38	(iii) is enrolled in minimum essential coverage other than the Medicaid program;
39	(iv) except as provided in Subsections (1)(c)(v) and (vi), does not meet the income or
40	asset requirements for enrollment in the state Medicaid program;
41	(v) has a household income that is between 250% and 500% of the federal poverty
42	level; and
43	(vi) has assets, excluding one home and one automobile, that are valued at less than
44	<u>\$125,000.</u>
45	(d) "Wraparound services" means services and benefits that:
46	(i) are covered by the Medicaid program; and
47	(ii) are not covered by the minimum essential coverage described in Subsection
48	<u>(1)(c)(iii).</u>
49	(2) Before July 1, 2025, the department shall apply for a Medicaid waiver with CMS to
50	provide wraparound services to qualified individuals:
51	(a) as state funding permits; and
52	(b) in a manner that requires qualified individuals to make cost sharing payments
53	according to the sliding scale described in Subsection (3).
54	(3)(a) The department shall establish a sliding scale for services received under this
55	section that:
56	(i) is based on household income; and
57	(ii) is used to determine the percentage of the cost of a wraparound service that a
58	qualified individual is required to pay.
59	(b) The percentage of the cost of wraparound services that a qualified individual is
60	required to pay:
61	(i) may not be less than 100% for a qualified individual with a household income
62	greater than \$125,000; and
63	(ii) for a qualified individual with a household income less than or equal to \$125,000,
64	shall be determined according to income categories established by the department
65	as provided in Subsection (4).

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66	(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(b), the amount paid by a qualified individual under
67	Subsection (3)(b) may not exceed:
68	(i) \$2,900 per month for a qualified individual with a household income greater than
69	<u>\$125,000; and</u>
70	(ii) for a qualified individual with a household income less than or equal to \$125,000,
71	an amount determined according to income categories established by the
72	department as provided in Subsection (4).
73	(d) The department shall credit the amount of premium payments that a qualified
74	individual makes for minimum essential coverage other than Medicaid toward the
75	amount that a qualified individual is required to pay for wraparound services under
76	this section.
77	(4) The department shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
78	Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:
79	(a) establish the income categories, percentages, and maximum payment amounts
80	described in Subsection (3); and
81	(b) provide continuous enrollment for 12 months for a qualified individual who receives
82	wraparound services in accordance with this section.
83	(5) If a waiver or state plan amendment described in Subsection (2) is approved, the
84	department shall provide wraparound services in accordance with this section.
85	Section 2. Effective date.
86	This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.