

Russell Frandsen

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To: Russell Frandsen
Cc: Raymond Ward; Gabrielle Saunders; Jessie Mandle; Lincoln Nehring
Subject: 12-Month Continuous Eligibility for Children on Medicaid: Requested Information for Approps Request

Dear Russell -

As per the request of the chairs of the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee, please find here the information to accompany Representative Raymond Ward's appropriations request for 12-Month Continuous Eligibility for Children on Medicaid (to be presented next Tuesday, February 6).

Note: I am assisting with this priority project while my colleague, Voices for Utah Children's Senior Health Policy Analyst Jessie Mandle, is out of the office on family leave. Please don't hesitate to contact me for follow-up information or clarification. I look forward to being able to meet you in person at some point, to thank you for your support in processing this request.

1. Other individuals who will be presenting with Representative Ward

- Anna Thomas, Senior Policy Analyst, Voices for Utah Children
- (There will be others testifying in support, as part of the public comment; those names will be sent to Debbie Benson by 1:00 p.m. on Monday for consideration, as directed by subcommittee staff)

2. Budget information

State Contribution	Federal Contribution	Description
570,000	2,210,000	Funding to the Department of Health to implement a policy of 12-month continuous eligibility for Medicaid Child Enrollees based on income and blind/ disabled categories
26,200 (one-time)	262,000 (one-time)	Funding to the Department of Workforce Services one-time computer programming costs associated with the policy change

3. Measures of Success: proposed performance measures for Department of Health

- Increase in Medicaid enrollees who receive 1 or more well-child visits in the past year, ages 3-6.
 - Target: 67% [Current: 63%]
- Increase in Medicaid enrollees who receive 6 or more well-child visits in the first 15 months of life.
 - Target: 65% [Current: 58%]
- Increase in the average eligibility length for child Medicaid categories age 0-6, 6-18 and blind/disabled children.
 - Target: 11.50 average member months [Current 11.27]

4. (If useful to the chair and committee members) Proposed goals and policy purpose of this request

- Improve health care and health outcomes for vulnerable children in Utah.
- Reduce health care costs by increasing children's attribution length; when children experience disruptions in coverage, they are more likely to visit the ER or need costly follow-up care immediately following re-enrollment.
- Reduce the rate of uninsured children in Utah (Utah has one of the highest rates of uninsured children in the nation).

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