

HB 290 (1ST SUBSTITUTE) MEDICAID WAIVER FOR MEDICALLY COMPLEX CHILDREN AMENDMENTS OVERVIEW

Organizations that Support HB 290 (1st Substitute)

- Utah Parent Center
- Utah Developmental Disabilities Council
- Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities (LCPD)
- Disability Law Center
- Utah Prader-Willi Syndrome Association
- Utah Department of Health & Human Services

- HB 290 (1st Substitute) makes only one change to the MCCW program; it eliminates the requirement for DHHS to disenroll children who are eligible for the program, but who have an acuity score that is less than that of another child applying for the waiver
 - The \$1M appropriation will allow approximately 190 more medically complex children to be served in the program.

What the bill does:

- Allows the program to serve those who meet the eligibility requirements without fear of being disenrolled if another applicant's medical needs are slightly more than what their own child/family is experiencing. (Eliminates pitting one child/family in services against another child and family who is applying for services.)
- Bill appropriation will allow about 190 more kids and families to be served
- Allows DHHS to develop a waiting list where kids with the highest medical needs are prioritized and will be served first. (The program currently sees about 6 disenrollments per month due to attrition, so individuals with high acuity will be able to be served quickly.)

What the bill does not do:

- Does not change any program eligibility requirements
- Does not eliminate the state's requirement to conduct evaluations (both initial and annual) to ensure all participants meet program eligibility.
- Does not remove the requirement for DHHS to disenroll children if they no longer meet eligibility requirements.



Other MCCW facts:

- The MCCW target population is kids whose primary needs are related to their medically complex physical conditions, whereas DSPD waiver serves kids whose primary needs are related to intellectual disabilities.