



**Performance Note**  
**HB0100 - Medically Complex**  
**Children with Disabilities Waiver**  
**Program**  
Sponsor: Rep. Redd, Edward H.



Performance Note Report

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Agency: Department of Health

Funding For:

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New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

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**Purpose:** The bill will affect children with disabilities and complex medical conditions and their families. Allowing Medicaid coverage to this population will provide relief to families for whom a significant portion of their financial resources are spent on the child's medical expenses to the extent that it places significant financial hardship on the family. Medicaid coverage will reduce this hardship.

**Services:** The bill will provide Medicaid service coverage to children with disabilities and complex medical conditions. Additionally, the bill will provide limited respite services (Approximately 3 hours per week) to provide some relief to the child's primary caregiver.

**Expected Outcome:** This program provides financial relief to families by significantly reducing their out-of-pocket medical expenses. This benefits families by allowing them to reduce medical debt and improve their ability to pay for basic necessities. In addition the respite services provided through the program provide relief to the child's primary caregiver and improve families ability to cope with the difficulties associated with caring for a medically complex child.

**Implementations and Resources:** Through related legislation in HB199 (2015 General Session), the initial program development has been completed. While the pilot program established by HB199 was funded with one-time money, this bill would make that funding on-going. The Department will continue to directly administer the program as well as monitor program performance and meet requirements established by Federal partners for ongoing operation.

**How:** The Department would continue to operate the on-going program the same way it has the pilot program. The benefits listed in question 3 have been documented in the annual reports released by the agency for FY16 and FY17. Because this bill makes the pilot program on-going, we anticipate that the same benefits would continue for families impacted by the program.

Performance Measures

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## Goal

Title: Prevent families from accruing additional medical debt in the care of their child.

Description: Percent of families who report NOT incurring additional medical debt

Collection Method: Surveys are administered to families at the time of entry to the waiver program, at 6 months following enrollment and annually thereafter. Responses are collected and aggregated for reporting each November.

	2018	2019	2020
Target	90.00	90.00	90.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

## Goal

Title: Ability to cope/care for a child with complex medical needs

Description: Percent of families who are coping very well or somewhat well with caring for their medically complex child

Collection Method: Surveys are administered to families at the time of entry to the waiver program, at 6 months following enrollment and annually thereafter. Responses are collected and aggregated for reporting each November.

	2018	2019	2020
Target	90.00	90.00	90.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

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