

1 **PRIMARY CARE NETWORK AMENDMENTS FOR**
2 **GENERAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS**

3 2003 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Kory M. Holdaway**

6 **This act modifies the Health Code. The act authorizes the Department of Health's**
7 **Medicaid Primary Care Network Demonstration Project to apply for a waiver to reduce**
8 **the amount of the enrollment fee that must be paid by a person to obtain coverage under**
9 **the primary care network. The reduced enrollment fee would apply only to those who are**
10 **eligible for the state's General Assistance Program after July 1, 2003.**

11 This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

12 AMENDS:

13 **26-18-3.5**, as enacted by Chapter 135, Laws of Utah 1983

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

15 Section 1. Section **26-18-3.5** is amended to read:

16 **26-18-3.5. Copayments by health service recipients, spouses, and parents.**

17 (1) The department shall selectively provide for enrollment fees, premiums,
18 deductions, cost sharing or other similar charges to be paid by recipients, their spouses, and
19 parents, within the limitations of federal law and regulation.

20 (2) (a) The department shall seek approval under the department's Section 1115
21 Medicaid waiver to cap enrollment fees for the Primary Care Network Demonstration Project
22 in accordance with Subsection (2)(b).

23 (b) Pursuant to a waiver obtained under Subsection (2)(a), the department shall cap
24 enrollment fees for the primary care network at \$15 per year for those persons who, after July
25 1, 2003, are eligible to begin receiving General Assistance under Section 35A-3-401.



Legislative Review Note

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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Fiscal Note
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Assistance Recipients**

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State Impact

This bill would seek approval to cap the annual enrollment fee for the Primary Care Network (PCN) at \$15 rather than the current \$50. To maintain the same coverage, an increase of \$90,000 would be required.

| | <u>FY 04 Approp.</u> | <u>FY 05 Approp.</u> | <u>FY 04 Revenue</u> | <u>FY 05 Revenue</u> |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund | \$45,000 | \$45,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Federal Funds | \$45,000 | \$45,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL | <u><u>\$90,000</u></u> | <u><u>\$90,000</u></u> | <u><u>\$0</u></u> | <u><u>\$0</u></u> |

Individual and Business Impact

By lowering the enrollment fee, more General Assistance recipients may apply for PCN coverage.

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