

MEDICAID - PREGNANT WOMEN RESOURCE

TEST

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Mark A. Wheatley

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Medical Assistance Act in the Utah Health Code.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► prohibits the Department of Health from imposing a Medicaid eligibility resource test for certain pregnant or postpartum women.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-18-3.2, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **26-18-3.2** is enacted to read:

26-18-3.2. Medicaid -- Pregnant women.

Beginning July 1, 2005, for purposes of determining eligibility for the Medicaid program, the department may not impose a resource test for a pregnant or postpartum woman:

(1) described under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(l)(1)(A);



- 28 (2) whose family income does not exceed 133% of the federal poverty guideline; and
29 (3) who is not otherwise eligible for the program.

Legislative Review Note
as of 2-3-05 5:10 PM

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

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Fiscal Note
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State Impact

This bill eliminates the Medicaid asset test for pregnant or postpartum women. It is estimated that this measure would result in a cost to the state of \$583,900, which would be matched with Medicaid federal funds in the amount of \$1,436,900.

	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$583,900	\$583,900	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$1,436,900	\$1,436,900	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$2,020,800	\$2,020,800	\$0	\$0

Individual and Business Impact

Some women who are currently ineligible for Medicaid coverage due to their level of resources could receive these services under the provisions of this bill.

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