

**MEDICAID COVERED AT WORK PREMIUM  
SUBSIDY**

2006 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Kory M. Holdaway**

Senate Sponsor: Scott K. Jenkins

Cosponsor: Ralph Becker

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to Utah's Medicaid program.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- directs the Department of Health to take steps to promote increased participation in employer sponsored health insurance as a means to increase health care coverage among the uninsured.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates:

- as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$267,500 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2006-07 to the Division of Health Care Financing within the Department of Health.

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**26-18-3.5**, as last amended by Chapter 323, Laws of Utah 2004

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

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

30           **26-18-3.5. Copayments by recipients -- Employer sponsored plans.**

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

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

37           (b) Pursuant to a waiver obtained under Subsection (2)(a), the department shall cap  
38           enrollment fees for the primary care network at \$15 per year for those persons who, after July  
39           1, 2003, are eligible to begin receiving General Assistance under Section 35A-3-401.

40           (c) Beginning July 1, 2004, and pursuant to a waiver obtained under Subsection (2)(a),  
41           the department shall cap enrollment fees for the primary care network at \$25 per year for those  
42           persons who have an income level that is below 50% of the federal poverty level.

43           (3) Beginning May 1, 2006, within appropriations by the Legislature and as a means to  
44           increase health care coverage among the uninsured, the department shall take steps to promote  
45           increased participation in employer sponsored health insurance, including:

46           (a) maximizing the health insurance premium subsidy provided under the state's  
47           Primary Care Network Demonstration Project by:

48           (i) ensuring that state funds are matched by federal funds to the greatest extent  
49           allowable; and

50           (ii) as the department determines appropriate, seeking federal approval to do one or  
51           more of the following:

52           (A) eliminate or otherwise modify the annual enrollment fee;

53           (B) eliminate or otherwise modify the schedule used to determine the level of subsidy  
54           provided to an enrollee each year;

55           (C) reduce the maximum number of participants allowable under the subsidy program;

56           or

57           (D) otherwise modify the program in a manner that promotes enrollment in employer

58 sponsored health insurance; and

59 (b) exploring the use of other options, including the development of a waiver under the  
60 Medicaid Health Insurance Flexibility Demonstration Initiative or other federal authority.

61 **Section 2. Appropriation.**

62 As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated  
63 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2006-07, \$267,500 to the Division of Health Care  
64 Financing within the Department of Health to take steps to promote increased participation in  
65 employer sponsored health insurance, including maximizing the employer sponsored insurance  
66 premium subsidy provided under the state's Primary Care Network Demonstration Project  
67 under Subsection 26-18-3.5(3).