

1 **HEALTH CARE AMENDMENTS FOR FOSTER**

2 **CHILDREN**

3 2006 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: David L. Hogue**

6 Senate Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill amends the Medical Assistance Act in the Health Code to provide medical
11 coverage to certain adolescents aging out of foster care.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

- 14 ▶ defines terms; and
- 15 ▶ directs the state to amend the state Medicaid Plan to provide medical services to
16 certain adolescents aging out of state foster care.

17 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

18 This bill appropriates:

- 19 ▶ as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$450,000 from the
20 General Fund for fiscal year 2006-07 to the Department of Health to fund medical
21 care for independent foster care adolescents.

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23 None

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 ENACTS:

26 **26-18-403**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

29 Section 1. Section **26-18-403** is enacted to read:

30 **26-18-403. Medicaid waiver for independent foster care adolescents.**

31 (1) For purposes of this section, an "independent foster care adolescent" includes any
32 individual who reached 18 years of age while in the custody of the Division of Child and
33 Family Services, or the Department of Human Services if the Division of Child and Family
34 Services was the primary case manager, or a federally recognized Indian tribe.

35 (2) An independent foster care adolescent is eligible, when funds are available, for
36 Medicaid coverage until the individual reaches 21 years of age.

37 (3) Before July 1, 2006, the division shall submit a state Medicaid Plan amendment to
38 the Center For Medicaid Services to provide medical coverage for independent foster care
39 adolescents effective fiscal year 2006-07.

40 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

41 As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated
42 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2006-07, \$450,000 to the Department of Health to fund
43 medical services for independent foster care adolescents.