

MEDICAID - PREGNANT WOMEN RESOURCE

TEST

2006 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mark A. Wheatley

Senate Sponsor: _____

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, 2006, for purposes of determining eligibility for the Medicaid program, the department may not impose a resource test for a pregnant or postpartum woman:



- 28 (1) described under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(l)(1)(A);
29 (2) whose family income does not exceed 133% of the federal poverty guideline; and
30 (3) who is not otherwise eligible for the program.
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Legislative Review Note
as of 12-6-05 9:09 AM

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

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Fiscal Note
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State Impact

An ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$886,200 will be required to implement the provisions of this bill. This will be matched with \$2,096,700 Federal Funds. The funding may be adjusted in subsequent years based on actual caseload and provider rates.

	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$886,200	\$948,200	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$2,096,700	\$2,243,400	\$2,096,700	\$2,243,400
TOTAL	\$2,982,900	\$3,191,600	\$2,096,700	\$2,243,400

Individual and Business Impact

Some women may become eligible for Medicaid coverage. This could be a savings to them of between \$6,000 and \$8,000.

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