

MEDICAID TASK FORCE

2006 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Sheldon L. Killpack

House Sponsor: Rebecca D. Lockhart

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Medicaid Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates a Medicaid Task Force;
- ▶ specifies the membership, rules, and compensation of the task force;
- ▶ specifies the duties of the task force; and
- ▶ requires the task force to report its recommendations to two legislative committees.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ \$12,000 to the Senate; and
- ▶ \$16,000 to the House of Representatives.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill is repealed on November 30, 2006.

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

Section 1. Medicaid Task Force -- Creation -- Membership -- Interim rules followed -- Compensation -- Staff.

(1) There is created the Medicaid Task Force consisting of the following 12 members:

(a) five members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than



28 three of whom may be from the same political party; and

29 (b) seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the
30 House of Representatives, no more than five of whom may be from the same political party.

31 (2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
32 under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

33 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
34 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

35 (3) In conducting its business, the task force shall comply with the rules of legislative
36 interim committees.

37 (4) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force shall be paid in accordance
38 with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

39 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support
40 to the task force.

41 **Section 2. Duties -- Interim report.**

42 (1) The task force shall review and make recommendations on:

43 (a) the impact of the aging of Utah's population on the state's Medicaid budget;

44 (b) the impact of past and projected Medicaid funding levels on the state budget,
45 including the impact on other programs;

46 (c) options for reducing the annual rate of growth in Medicaid spending;

47 (d) the degree to which the number of Utahns without health care coverage could be
48 reduced within current or lower state spending levels through changes in eligibility, benefits,
49 service delivery, administration, or other program redesign; and

50 (e) any other issue the task force wishes to address that may affect the cost, quality, or
51 availability of services provided under Medicaid or the state's capacity to fund the program.

52 (2) A final report, including any proposed legislation shall be presented to the Health
53 and Human Services Interim Committee and the Health and Human Services Appropriations
54 Subcommittee before November 30, 2006.

55 **Section 3. Appropriation.**

56 There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 2006 only:

57 (1) \$12,000 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the
58 task force; and

59 (2) \$16,000 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses
60 of representatives on the task force.

61 Section 4. **Repeal date.**

62 This bill is repealed on November 30, 2006.

Legislative Review Note
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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