

FUNDING FOR MEDICAID VISION CARE

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen

House Sponsor: David Litvack

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Medical Assistance Act of the Health Code.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ authorizes the Department of Health to implement the vision benefits of the Medicaid program with a \$3 co-pay.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides an immediate effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-18-12, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **26-18-12** is enacted to read:

26-18-12. Vision benefits.

The department is authorized to establish vision benefits as part of its Medicaid program. The vision benefits are:

(1) subject to available funding; and



28 (2) a \$3 co-payment.

29 Section 2. **Effective date.**

30 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
31 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
32 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
33 the date of veto override.

Legislative Review Note
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S.B. 172 - Funding for Medicaid Vision Care

Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations. This Legislation clarifies the Department of Health's authority to use its FY 2008 appropriation of \$174,000 one-time General Funds and \$431,400 one-time Federal Funds for vision benefits for Medicaid adults.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

The vision benefits provided will result in revenues to the businesses providing the services and benefits for the individuals receiving the services. Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for local governments.
