

**Representative Wayne A. Harper** proposes the following substitute bill:

**CONTRACTING FOR MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY**

**DETERMINATION SERVICES**

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper**

Senate Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill requires the Department of Health and the Department of Workforce Services to study the state's Medicaid eligibility determination system.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- requires the study of the state's eligibility determination system for Medicaid to determine whether consolidation of the system or privatization would create greater efficiencies; and

- requires a report of the study to the Legislature's Health and Human Services Interim Committee and the Social Services Appropriations Sub-committee prior to October 20, 2011.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:



26 26-18-3.3, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

29 Section 1. Section 26-18-3.3 is enacted to read:

30 **26-18-3.3. Study of Privatization of eligibility determination.**

31 (1) The department shall work with the Department of Workforce Services, the  
32 Department of Human Services, and the Privatization Policy Board created in Section  
33 63I-4-201 to study the state's eligibility determination system for the state Medicaid program in  
34 accordance with this section.

35 (2) (a) The study shall include the state's eligibility determination system for the  
36 following programs:

37 (i) the state Medicaid program;

38 (ii) the Utah Children's Health Insurance Program created under Chapter 40, Utah  
39 Children's Health Insurance Act;

40 (iii) the Primary Care Network; ~~H→~~ [and] ~~←H~~

41 (iv) the Utah Premium Partnership ~~H→~~ ; and

41a (v) other eligibility systems administered by the Department of Workforce Services ~~←H~~ .

42 (b) The study shall include:

43 (i) the workflow and operations of the eligibility determination systems for the  
44 programs described in Subsection (2)(a); and

45 (ii) efficiencies that may be obtained through:

46 (A) consolidation of the eligibility determination systems;

47 (B) privatization of the eligibility determination systems; and

48 (C) other technology or organizational solutions for the eligibility determination  
49 systems.

50 (3) The department, the Department of Workforce Services, and the Privatization  
51 Polity Board shall, prior to October 20, 2011, report to the Legislature's Health and Human  
52 Services Interim Committee and to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee regarding  
53 the findings of the study and any recommendations and options regarding the advantages and  
54 disadvantages to the state in privatizing the eligibility determination system.

# FISCAL NOTE

H.B. 174 1st Sub. (Buff)

SHORT TITLE: **Contracting for Medicaid Eligibility Determination Services**

SPONSOR: **Harper, W.**

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STATE GOVERNMENT (UCA 36-12-13(2)(b))

Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCA 36-12-13(2)(c))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for local governments.

DIRECT EXPENDITURES BY UTAH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES (UCA 36-12-13(2)(d))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable expenditures by Utah residents or businesses.