

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

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; and

41 (iv) the Utah Premium Partnership.

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

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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.