

MEDICALLY COMPLEX CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

WAIVER PROGRAM

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the Department of Health to establish, through a Medicaid waiver, an ongoing program for children with disabilities and complex medical conditions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the Department of Health to establish, through a Medicaid waiver, an ongoing program for children with disabilities and complex medical conditions.

28 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

29 None

30 **Other Special Clauses:**

31 None

32 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

33 AMENDS:

34 **26-18-410**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 209



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

37 Section 1. Section **26-18-410** is amended to read:

38 **26-18-410. Medicaid waiver for children with disabilities and complex medical**
39 **needs.**

40 (1) As used in this section:

41 (a) "Additional eligibility criteria" means the additional eligibility criteria set by the
42 department under Subsection (4)(e).

43 [~~(a)~~] (b) "Complex medical condition" means a physical condition of an individual
44 that:

45 (i) results in severe functional limitations for the individual; and

46 (ii) is likely to:

47 (A) last at least 12 months; or

48 (B) result in death.

49 [~~(b)~~] (c) "Program" means the program for children with complex medical conditions
50 created in Subsection (3).

51 [~~(c)~~] (d) "Qualified child" means a child who:

52 (i) is less than 19 years old;

53 (ii) is diagnosed with a complex medical condition;

54 (iii) has a condition that meets the definition of disability in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 12102; and

55 (iv) meets the additional eligibility criteria [~~determined by the department under~~
56 ~~Subsection (4)~~].

57 (2) The department shall apply[~~, no later than June 30, 2015,~~] for a Medicaid home and
58 community-based waiver with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services within the
59 United States Department of Health and Human Services to implement, within the state
60 Medicaid program, the program described in Subsection (3).

61 (3) If the waiver described in Subsection (2) is approved, the department shall offer a
62 program that:

63 (a) as funding permits, provides treatment for qualified children; [~~and~~]

64 (b) accepts applications for the program during periods of open enrollment[-]; and

65 (c) if approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services:

66 (i) requires periodic reevaluations of an enrolled child's eligibility based on the
67 additional eligibility criteria; and

68 (ii) at the time of reevaluation, allows the department to disenroll a child who does not
69 meet the additional eligibility criteria.

70 (4) The department shall:

71 (a) seek to prioritize, in the waiver described in Subsection (2), entrance into the
72 program based on the:

73 (i) complexity of a qualified child's medical condition; and

74 (ii) financial needs of a qualified child and the qualified child's family;

75 (b) convene a public process to determine:

76 (i) the benefits and services to offer a qualified child under the program; and

77 (ii) additional eligibility criteria for a qualified child; [~~and~~]

78 (c) evaluate, on an ongoing basis, the cost and effectiveness of the program[-];

79 (d) if funding for the program is reduced, develop an evaluation process to reduce the
80 number of children served based on the criteria in Subsection (4)(a); and

81 (e) establish, by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah

82 Administrative Rulemaking Act, additional eligibility criteria based on the factors described in
83 Subsections (4)(a)(i) and (ii).

84 (5) The department shall annually report~~[, beginning in 2016,]~~ to the Legislature's
85 Health and Human Services Interim Committee before November 30 while the waiver is in
86 effect regarding:

- 87 (a) the number of qualified children served under the program;
- 88 (b) the cost of the program; and
- 89 (c) the effectiveness of the program.