

1 **MEDICAID WAITING PERIOD AMENDMENTS**

2 2018 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen**

5 House Sponsor: _____

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill requires a five-year waiting period for legal immigrants to receive benefits
10 through the Medicaid program or Children's Health Insurance Program.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

13 ▶ requires a five-year waiting period for legal immigrants to receive benefits through
14 the Medicaid program or Children's Health Insurance Program.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 ENACTS:

21 **26-18-24**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

24 Section 1. Section **26-18-24** is enacted to read:

25 **26-18-24.** **Five-year waiting period for legal aliens seeking Medicaid or Children's**
26 **Health Insurance Program benefits.**

27 (1) As used in this section:



28 (a) "Five-year waiting period" means the limited eligibility of qualified aliens for
29 federal means-tested public benefits described in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1613.

30 (b) "Qualified alien" means the same as that term is defined in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1641.

31 (2) The department shall, to the fullest extent allowable under federal and state law,
32 require a five-year waiting period for a qualified alien to receive benefits through the Medicaid
33 program or the Utah Children's Health Insurance Program, created in Chapter 40, Utah
34 Children's Health Insurance Act.

Legislative Review Note
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