

INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions relating to the Medicaid program and the Utah Children's Health Insurance Program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the Medicaid program and the Utah Children's Health Insurance Program to:
 - allow automatic payments for premiums;
 - share information about Medicaid or Utah Children's Health Insurance Program enrollee renewal dates with accountable care organizations under certain circumstances; and
 - study ways to improve notification and renewal processes for families with children;
- ▶ creates a reporting requirement; and
- ▶ requires the Department of Health to seek a federal waiver to provide continuous eligibility for children in the Medicaid program under certain circumstances.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None



Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-2-226, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 262, 393, 405 and last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 246

ENACTS:

26-18-27, Utah Code Annotated 1953

26-18-420, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **26-18-27** is enacted to read:

26-18-27. Medical assistance coverage for children -- Automatic payment of premiums -- Study.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Accountable care organization" means the same as that term is defined in Section **26-18-408**.

(b) "Member" means the same as that term is defined in Section **26-40-102**.

(c) "Utah Children's Health Insurance Program" means the same as that term is defined in Section **26-40-102**.

(2) The division shall permit an enrollee or a member to pay recurring premiums by means of automatic payment from individuals.

(3) (a) The division, in collaboration with the Department of Workforce Services and interested stakeholders, shall study ways to improve notification and renewal process for families with a child who qualifies for coverage under the Medicaid program or the Utah Children's Health Insurance Program.

(b) The study described in Subsection (3)(a) shall include at least the following information:

(i) a comparison of the effectiveness of paper and electronic renewal notices;

(ii) a survey of enrollees regarding reasons given for children being disenrolled from Medicaid; and

(iii) consideration of ways to decrease the use of facsimile machines and increase reminders sent by text message.

(c) On or before November 30, 2020, the division shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee the division's findings under this Subsection (3).

Section 2. Section **26-18-420** is enacted to read:

26-18-420. Continuous eligibility for children.

(1) As used in this section, "federal poverty level" means the same as that term is defined in Section [26-18-411](#).

(2) Before July 1, 2020, the division shall apply to CMS for approval of a waiver or state plan amendment to implement the coverage described in Subsection (3).

(3) If the waiver described in Subsection (2) is approved, the division shall provide an enrollee who is younger than 19 years old continuous eligibility that ends on the earlier of:

(a) 12 months after the day on which the enrollee qualifies for Medicaid coverage;

(b) the day on which the enrollee turns 19 years old; or

(c) the day on which the division terminates the enrollee's coverage under Subsection (4)(b).

(4) (a) The division may require an enrollee who receives continuous eligibility under Subsection (3) to resubmit information regarding the eligibility of the enrollee or the enrollee's parents only if:

(i) the enrollee has a reasonable expectation that the enrollee's income level used to determine eligibility for Medicaid coverage will exceed 300% of the federal poverty level; or

(ii) the division has substantial evidence that the continuous eligibility was obtained or is being continued based on the enrollee intentionally misrepresenting the enrollee's income.

(b) The division may terminate an enrollee's Medicaid coverage under this Subsection (4) if the division finds that:

(i) the enrollee's income level is expected to exceed 300% of the federal poverty level; or

(ii) the continuous eligibility was obtained or is being continued based on the enrollee intentionally misrepresenting the enrollee's income.

Section 3. Section **63I-2-226** is amended to read:

63I-2-226. Repeal dates -- Title 26.

(1) Subsection [26-7-8\(3\)](#) is repealed January 1, 2027.

(2) Section [26-8a-107](#) is repealed July 1, 2024.

(3) Subsection [26-8a-203](#)(3)(a)(i) is repealed January 1, 2023.

(4) Subsection [26-18-2.3](#)(5) is repealed January 1, 2020.

(5) Subsection [26-18-2.4](#)(3)(e) is repealed January 1, 2023.

(6) Subsection [26-18-27](#)(4), related to studying and reporting on notification and renewal processes, is repealed January 1, 2021.

~~[(6)]~~ (7) Subsection [26-18-411](#)(8), related to reporting on the health coverage improvement program, is repealed January 1, 2023.

~~[(7)]~~ (8) Subsection [26-18-604](#)(2) is repealed January 1, 2020.

~~[(8)]~~ (9) Subsection [26-21-28](#)(2)(b) is repealed January 1, 2021.

~~[(9)]~~ (10) Subsection [26-33a-106.1](#)(2)(a) is repealed January 1, 2023.

~~[(10)]~~ (11) Subsection [26-33a-106.5](#)(6)(c)(iii) is repealed January 1, 2020.

~~[(11)]~~ (12) Title 26, Chapter 46, Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program, is repealed July 1, 2027.

~~[(12)]~~ (13) Subsection [26-50-202](#)(7)(b) is repealed January 1, 2020.

~~[(13)]~~ (14) Subsections [26-54-103](#)(6)(d)(ii) and (iii) are repealed January 1, 2020.

~~[(14)]~~ (15) Subsection [26-55-107](#)(8) is repealed January 1, 2021.

~~[(15)]~~ (16) Subsection [26-56-103](#)(9)(d) is repealed January 1, 2020.

~~[(16)]~~ (17) Title 26, Chapter 59, Telehealth Pilot Program, is repealed January 1, 2020.

~~[(17)]~~ (18) Subsection [26-61-202](#)(4)(b) is repealed January 1, 2022.

~~[(18)]~~ (19) Subsection [26-61-202](#)(5) is repealed January 1, 2022.