

1 **CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENTS**

2 2021 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Douglas R. Welton**

5 Senate Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill creates the Children's Health Care Coverage Program.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ amends provisions relating to outreach to promote health insurance coverage for  
13 children;
- 14 ▶ creates the Children's Health Care Coverage Program;
- 15 ▶ describes the purposes of the program created in this bill;
- 16 ▶ creates the Children's Health Care Coverage Program Restricted Account; and
- 17 ▶ establishes a sunset date.

18 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

19 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2022:

20 ~~§→ [→ to General Fund Restricted = Children's Health Care Coverage Program Restricted~~  
21 ~~Account, as an ongoing appropriation:~~

22 ~~————— • from the General Fund, Ongoing, \$172,500.] ←§~~

23 ▶ to Department of Health – Children's Health Insurance Program, as an ongoing  
24 appropriation:

25 • from the General Fund ~~§→ [Restricted = Children's Health Care Coverage Program~~  
26 ~~Restricted Account] ←§~~ , Ongoing, \$172,500.

27 **Other Special Clauses:**



28 None

29 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

30 AMENDS:

31 **26-18-15**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 390

32 **63I-1-226**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 19, 154, 172, 181, 221,  
33 232, 303, 347, and 429

34 ENACTS:

35 **26-18-27**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

38 Section 1. Section **26-18-15** is amended to read:

39 **26-18-15. Process to promote health insurance coverage for children.**

40 (1) The department, in collaboration with the Department of Workforce Services[;] and  
41 the State Board of Education, [~~and the department shall: (a) collaborate with one another to~~]  
42 shall develop a process to promote health insurance coverage for a child in school when:

43 [(i)] (a) the child applies for free or reduced price school lunch;

44 [(ii)] (b) a child enrolls in or registers in school; and

45 [(iii)] (c) other appropriate school related opportunities[;].

46 [~~(b) report to the Legislature on the development of the process under Subsection (1)(a)~~  
47 ~~no later than November 19, 2008; and]~~

48 [~~(c) implement the process developed under Subsection (1)(a) no later than the~~  
49 ~~2009-10 school year.~~]

50 (2) The department, in collaboration with the Department of Workforce Services, shall  
51 promote and facilitate the enrollment of children identified under Subsection (1)[~~(a)~~] without  
52 health insurance in the Utah Children's Health Insurance Program, the Medicaid program, or  
53 the Utah Premium Partnership for Health Insurance Program.

54 Section 2. Section **26-18-27** is enacted to read:

55 **26-18-27. Children's Health Care Coverage Program -- Restricted Account.**

56 (1) As used in this section:

57 **§→ [(a) "Account" means the Children's Health Care Coverage Program Restricted Account**  
58 **created in Subsection (4).] ←§**

59            ~~§~~→ ~~(fb)~~ (a) ←~~§~~ "CHIP" means the Children's Health Insurance Program created in Section  
60 26-40-103.

61            ~~§~~→ ~~(fc)~~ (b) ←~~§~~ "Program" means the Children's Health Care Coverage Program created in  
62 Subsection (2).

63            (2) (a) There is created the Children's Health Care Coverage Program within the  
64 department.

65            (b) The purpose of the program is to:

66            (i) promote health insurance coverage for children in accordance with Section  
67 26-18-15;

68            (ii) conduct research regarding families who are eligible for Medicaid and CHIP to  
69 determine awareness and understanding of available coverage;

70            (iii) analyze trends in disenrollment and identify reasons that families may not be  
71 renewing enrollment, including any barriers in the process of renewing enrollment;

72            (iv) administer surveys to recently enrolled CHIP and children's Medicaid enrollees to  
73 identify:

74            (A) how the enrollees learned about coverage; and

75            (B) any barriers during the application process;

76            (v) develop promotional material regarding CHIP and children's Medicaid eligibility,  
77 including outreach through social media, video production, and other media platforms;

78            (vi) identify ways that the eligibility website for enrollment in CHIP and children's  
79 Medicaid can be redesigned to increase accessibility and enhance the user experience;

80            (vii) identify outreach opportunities, including partnerships with community  
81 organizations including:

82            (A) schools;

83            (B) small businesses;

84            (C) unemployment centers;

85            (D) parent-teacher associations; and

86            (E) youth athlete clubs and associations; and

87            (viii) develop messaging to increase awareness of coverage options that are available  
88 through the department.

89            ~~§~~→ ~~(3) (a) The program shall be funded solely with:~~⊗

90 ~~☛~~ ~~(i) money from the account; and~~  
 91 ~~(ii) any federal matching funds that may be available through money from the account.~~  
 92 ~~(b)] (3) (a) ←§~~ The department may not delegate implementation of the program to a  
 92a private entity.  
 93 ~~§→ (c)] (b) ←§~~ Notwithstanding Subsection (3) §→ [(b)] (a) ←§ , the department may  
 93a contract with a media  
 94 agency to conduct the activities described in Subsection (2)(b)(iv) and (vii).  
 95 ~~§→ (4) (a) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the~~  
 96 ~~"Children's Health Insurance Coverage Program Restricted Account."~~  
 97 ~~(b) The restricted account consists of:~~  
 98 ~~(i) money appropriated to the restricted account by the Legislature;~~  
 99 ~~(ii) private donations; and~~  
 100 ~~(iii) all income and interest derived from the deposit and investment of money in the~~  
 101 ~~account.~~  
 102 ~~(c) Subject to legislative appropriations, money in the restricted account may only be~~  
 103 ~~used to fund activities related to the program.] ←§~~  
 104 Section 3. Section 63I-1-226 is amended to read:  
 105 **63I-1-226. Repeal dates, Title 26.**  
 106 (1) Subsection 26-1-7(1)(f), related to the Residential Child Care Licensing Advisory  
 107 Committee, is repealed July 1, 2024.  
 108 (2) Subsection 26-1-7(1)(h), related to the Primary Care Grant Committee, is repealed  
 109 July 1, 2025.  
 110 (3) Section 26-1-7.5, which creates the Utah Health Advisory Council, is repealed July  
 111 1, 2025.  
 112 (4) Section 26-1-40 is repealed July 1, 2022.  
 113 (5) Section 26-1-41 is repealed July 1, 2026.  
 114 (6) Section 26-7-10 is repealed July 1, 2025.  
 115 (7) Subsection 26-7-11(5), regarding reports to the Legislature, is repealed July 1,  
 116 2028.  
 117 (8) Section 26-7-14 is repealed December 31, 2027.  
 118 (9) Title 26, Chapter 9f, Utah Digital Health Service Commission Act, is repealed July  
 119 1, 2025.  
 120 (10) Subsection 26-10-6(5), which creates the Newborn Hearing Screening Committee,

152 2026.

153 Section 4. **Appropriation.**

154 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
155 2021, and ending June 30, 2022. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
156 fiscal year 2022.

157 ~~§→ [Subsection 4(a). Restricted Fund and Account Transfers:~~

158 ~~———— The Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer the following~~  
159 ~~amounts between the following funds or accounts as indicated. Expenditures and outlays from~~  
160 ~~the funds to which the money is transferred must be authorized by an appropriation:~~

161 ~~ITEM 1~~

162 ~~———— To General Fund Restricted -- Children's Health Care Coverage Program Restricted~~  
163 ~~Account~~

164 ~~———— From General Fund, Ongoing ————— \$172,500~~

165 ~~———— Schedule of Programs:~~

166 ~~———— General Fund Restricted -- Children's Health Care~~

167 ~~———— Coverage Program Restricted Account ————— \$172,500] ←§~~

168 Subsection ~~§→ [4(b)]~~ 4(a) ←§ . Operating and Capital Budgets.

169 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the  
170 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for  
171 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

172 ITEM §→ [2] 1 ←§

173 To Department of Health -- Children's Health Insurance Program

174 From General Fund §→ [Restricted -- Children's Health Care

175 ~~———— Coverage Program Restricted Account] ←§ , Ongoing \$172,500~~

176 Schedule of Programs:

177 Children's Health Care Coverage Program \$172,500