

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

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

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2022:

- ▶ to Department of Health – Children's Health Insurance Program, as an ongoing appropriation:
 - from the General Fund, Ongoing, \$172,500.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

29 [26-18-15](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 390

30 [63I-1-226](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 19, 154, 172, 181, 221,
31 232, 303, 347, and 429

32 ENACTS:

33 [26-18-27](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

36 Section 1. Section [26-18-15](#) is amended to read:

37 **[26-18-15. Process to promote health insurance coverage for children.](#)**

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

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

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

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

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

46 ~~[(c) implement the process developed under Subsection (1)(a) no later than the~~
47 ~~2009-10 school year.]~~

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

52 Section 2. Section [26-18-27](#) is enacted to read:

53 **[26-18-27. Children's Health Care Coverage Program.](#)**

54 (1) As used in this section:

55 (a) "CHIP" means the Children's Health Insurance Program created in Section
56 [26-40-103](#).

57 (b) "Program" means the Children's Health Care Coverage Program created in
58 Subsection (2).

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

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

62 (i) promote health insurance coverage for children in accordance with Section
63 26-18-15;

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

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

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

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

71 (B) any barriers during the application process;

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

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

76 (vii) identify outreach opportunities, including partnerships with community
77 organizations including:

78 (A) schools;

79 (B) small businesses;

80 (C) unemployment centers;

81 (D) parent-teacher associations; and

82 (E) youth athlete clubs and associations; and

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

85 (3) (a) The department may not delegate implementation of the program to a private
86 entity.

87 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a), the department may contract with a media
88 agency to conduct the activities described in Subsection (2)(b)(iv) and (vii).

89 Section 3. Section **63I-1-226** is amended to read:

90 **63I-1-226. Repeal dates, Title 26.**

91 (1) Subsection **26-1-7(1)(f)**, related to the Residential Child Care Licensing Advisory
92 Committee, is repealed July 1, 2024.

93 (2) Subsection **26-1-7(1)(h)**, related to the Primary Care Grant Committee, is repealed
94 July 1, 2025.

95 (3) Section **26-1-7.5**, which creates the Utah Health Advisory Council, is repealed July
96 1, 2025.

97 (4) Section **26-1-40** is repealed July 1, 2022.

98 (5) Section **26-1-41** is repealed July 1, 2026.

99 (6) Section **26-7-10** is repealed July 1, 2025.

100 (7) Subsection **26-7-11(5)**, regarding reports to the Legislature, is repealed July 1,
101 2028.

102 (8) Section **26-7-14** is repealed December 31, 2027.

103 (9) Title 26, Chapter 9f, Utah Digital Health Service Commission Act, is repealed July
104 1, 2025.

105 (10) Subsection **26-10-6(5)**, which creates the Newborn Hearing Screening Committee,
106 is repealed July 1, 2026.

107 (11) Section **26-10-11** is repealed July 1, 2025.

108 (12) Section **26-10b-106**, which creates the Primary Care Grant Committee, is repealed
109 July 1, 2025.

110 (13) Section **26-18-27** is repealed July 1, 2025.

111 ~~[(13)]~~ (14) Title 26, Chapter 18, Part 2, Drug Utilization Review Board, is repealed
112 July 1, 2027.

113 [~~(14) Subsection 26-18-417(3) relating to a report to the Health and Human services~~
114 ~~Interim Committee is repealed July 1, 2020.~~]

115 (15) Subsection 26-18-418(2), the language that states "and the Behavioral Health
116 Crisis Response Commission created in Section 63C-18-202" is repealed July 1, 2023.

117 (16) Title 26, Chapter 18a, Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Coordinating
118 Committee, is repealed July 1, 2021.

119 (17) Section 26-33a-117 is repealed on December 31, 2023.

120 (18) Title 26, Chapter 33a, Utah Health Data Authority Act, is repealed July 1, 2024.

121 (19) Title 26, Chapter 36b, Inpatient Hospital Assessment Act, is repealed July 1,
122 2024.

123 (20) Title 26, Chapter 36c, Medicaid Expansion Hospital Assessment Act, is repealed
124 July 1, 2024.

125 (21) Title 26, Chapter 36d, Hospital Provider Assessment Act, is repealed July 1, 2024.

126 (22) Section 26-39-201, which creates the Residential Child Care Licensing Advisory
127 Committee, is repealed July 1, 2024.

128 (23) Section 26-40-104, which creates the Utah Children's Health Insurance Program
129 Advisory Council, is repealed July 1, 2025.

130 (24) Section 26-50-202, which creates the Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory
131 Committee, is repealed July 1, 2025.

132 (25) Title 26, Chapter 54, Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Fund and
133 Pediatric Neuro-Rehabilitation Fund, is repealed January 1, 2025.

134 (26) Title 26, Chapter 63, Nurse Home Visiting Pay-for-Success Program, is repealed
135 July 1, 2026.

136 (27) Title 26, Chapter 66, Early Childhood Utah Advisory Council, is repealed July 1,
137 2026.

138 **Section 4. Appropriation.**

139 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
140 2021, and ending June 30, 2022. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for

141 fiscal year 2022.

142 Subsection 4(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets.**

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

146 ITEM 1

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

148 From General Fund, Ongoing \$172,500

149 Schedule of Programs:

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