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SICKLE CELL DISEASE

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Sandra Hollins

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses sickle cell disease among residents of the state.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ requires the Office of Health Disparities Reduction (office) in collaboration with others within the Department of Health and Human Services to review and develop recommendations for improving the surveillance, screening, diagnosis, and treatment of sickle cell disease among residents of the state;

▶ requires the office to report the recommendations to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee;

▶ establishes a repeal date; and

▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

26-7-2, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 192

63I-2-226, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 255, 365



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

Section 1. Section **26-7-2** is amended to read:

26-7-2. Office of Health Disparities Reduction -- Duties.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Multicultural or minority health issue" means a health issue, including a mental and oral health issue, of particular interest to cultural, ethnic, racial, or other subpopulations, including:

(i) disparities in:

(A) disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity, mortality, treatment, and treatment response; and

(B) access to care; and

(ii) cultural competency in the delivery of health care.

(b) "Office" means the Office of Health Disparities Reduction created in this section.

(2) There is created within the department the Office of Health Disparities Reduction.

(3) The office shall:

(a) promote and coordinate the research, data production, dissemination, education, and health promotion activities of the following that relate to a multicultural or minority health issue:

(i) the department;

(ii) local health departments;

(iii) local mental health authorities;

(iv) public schools;

(v) community-based organizations; and

(vi) other organizations within the state;

(b) assist in the development and implementation of one or more programs to address a multicultural or minority health issue;

(c) promote the dissemination and use of information on a multicultural or minority health issue by minority populations, health care providers, and others;

(d) seek federal funding and other resources to accomplish the office's mission;

(e) provide technical assistance to organizations within the state seeking funding to

59 study or address a multicultural or minority health issue;

60 (f) develop and increase the capacity of the office to:

61 (i) ensure the delivery of qualified timely culturally appropriate translation services
62 across department programs; and

63 (ii) provide, when appropriate, linguistically competent translation and communication
64 services for limited English proficiency individuals;

65 (g) provide staff assistance to any advisory committee created by the department to
66 study a multicultural or minority health issue; ~~and~~

67 (h) annually report to the Legislature on its activities and accomplishments; and

68 (i) (i) in collaboration with the Medicaid program, as defined in Section 26-18-2, the
69 Drug Utilization Review Board created in Section 26-18-102, the Health Data Committee
70 created in Section 26B-1-204, and others within the department, review and develop
71 recommendations for improving the surveillance, screening, diagnosis, and treatment of sickle
72 cell disease among residents of the state; and

73 (ii) report the recommendations developed under Subsection (3)(i)(i) to the Health and
74 Human Services Interim Committee before July 1, 2024.

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

76 **63I-2-226. Repeal dates: Titles 26 through 26B.**

77 [~~(1) Subsection 26-2-12.6(3), relating to the report for birth certificate fees, is repealed~~
78 ~~December 31, 2022.~~]

79 (1) Subsection 26-7-2(3)(i), relating to sickle cell disease, is repealed July 1, 2025.

80 (2) Subsection 26-7-8(3) is repealed January 1, 2027.

81 (3) Section 26-8a-107 is repealed July 1, 2024.

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

83 [~~(5)~~ (4) Section 26-8a-211 is repealed July 1, 2023.

84 [~~(6)~~ (5) In relation to the Air Ambulance Committee, on July 1, 2024, Subsection
85 26-8a-602(1)(a) is amended to read:

86 "(a) provide the patient or the patient's representative with the following information
87 before contacting an air medical transport provider:

88 (i) which health insurers in the state the air medical transport provider contracts with;

89 (ii) if sufficient data is available, the average charge for air medical transport services

90 for a patient who is uninsured or out of network; and

91 (iii) whether the air medical transport provider balance bills a patient for any charge not
92 paid by the patient's health insurer; and".

93 [~~(7) Subsection 26-18-2.4(3)(e) is repealed January 1, 2023.~~]

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

96 [~~(9)~~] (6) Subsection 26-18-420(5), related to reporting on coverage for in vitro
97 fertilization and genetic testing, is repealed July 1, 2030.

98 [~~(10)~~] (7) In relation to the Air Ambulance Committee, July 1, 2024, Subsection
99 26-21-32(1)(a) is amended to read:

100 "(a) provide the patient or the patient's representative with the following information
101 before contacting an air medical transport provider:

102 (i) which health insurers in the state the air medical transport provider contracts with;

103 (ii) if sufficient data is available, the average charge for air medical transport services
104 for a patient who is uninsured or out of network; and

105 (iii) whether the air medical transport provider balance bills a patient for any charge not
106 paid by the patient's health insurer; and".

107 [~~(11) Subsection 26-33a-106.1(2)(a) is repealed January 1, 2023.~~]

108 [~~(12)~~] (8) Title 26, Chapter 46, Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance
109 Program, is repealed July 1, 2027.

110 [~~(13) Subsection 26-61-202(4)(b) is repealed January 1, 2022.~~]

111 [~~(14) Subsection 26-61-202(5) is repealed January 1, 2022.~~]

112 [~~(15)~~] (9) Subsection 26B-1-204(2)(f), relating to the Air Ambulance Committee, is
113 repealed July 1, 2024.