

CHILD WELFARE MEDICAL AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jen Plumb

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the position of medical director within the Division of Child and Family Services.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the position of medical director within the Division of Child and Family Services; and
- ▶ defines the duties and authority of the medical director position.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

80-2-406, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **80-2-406** is enacted to read:

80-2-406. Medical director.

(1) There is created within the division the position of medical director.



- 28 (2) The position of medical director is a half full-time equivalent position.
- 29 (3) The medical director shall:
- 30 (a) be licensed to practice as a physician or osteopath under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah
- 31 Medical Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;
- 32 (b) be board certified in pediatrics or family medicine; and
- 33 (c) have at least seven years of experience in direct patient care, or equivalent
- 34 experience.
- 35 (4) The medical director shall:
- 36 (a) serve as the chief medical advisor to the director;
- 37 (b) provide clinical expertise to division staff; and
- 38 (c) participate in the development, implementation, and evaluation of programs to
- 39 improve the physical and mental health and well-being of individuals involved with the state's
- 40 child welfare agencies.
- 41 (5) At the director's discretion, the medical director may:
- 42 (a) (i) oversee comprehensive medical and mental health care services for children in
- 43 state care;
- 44 (ii) provide consultation on complex medical cases as needed within the division;
- 45 (iii) provide consultation regarding the implementation of evidence-based safety plans
- 46 for children whose safety is at risk; or
- 47 (iv) provide consultation regarding the adoption of an evidence-based evaluation of
- 48 child, youth, and family well-being across division programs; and
- 49 (b) perform other similar duties at the direction of the director.