SENATE FILE NO. SF0143

Child health insurance program management.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Scott

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to health insurance; providing for the administration of the child health insurance program by the department of family services; providing for the transfer of positions, property, personnel and funds associated with the program to the department of family services; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 35-25-102(a)(ii), 35-25-103, 35-25-106(c) and 35-25-107(c) are amended to read:


(a) As used in this act:
(ii) "Department" means the department of health family services;

35-25-103. Child health insurance program eligibility.

Subject to approval of the state plan by the United States secretary of health and human services, and subject to available state and federal funding the department shall provide a health insurance plan offered through a private insurance company licensed by the insurance commissioner to write insurance in Wyoming for an eligible child whose monthly gross family income is not more than one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level, until July 1, 2005, and thereafter, whose monthly gross family income is not more than two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty level. A child who is determined eligible to receive benefits under this section shall remain eligible for twelve (12) months as long as the child resides in the state of Wyoming and has not yet attained nineteen (19) years of age. A child's eligibility to receive benefits under this act shall be redetermined on an annual basis. A simplified application process, which
includes minimum eligibility requirements, shall be provided throughout the state at various public and private establishments approved by the department of health family services. To be determined eligible to receive benefits under this section, a child shall not be eligible under the Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act, shall not have been covered under another health insurance plan for a minimum of one (1) month prior to application for coverage under this act or, upon birth, the child would not otherwise be covered by a public or private health insurance plan. Eligibility under this section shall be determined by the department of health family services or its designee.

35-25-106. Private health insurance plan request for proposals.

(c) If the department does not receive a proposal from an insurance company within one hundred twenty (120) days after issuing the request for proposals required in subsection (a) of this section, the department may provide services to children eligible under this act with a public health benefit package designed to provide the same
services as authorized under the Wyoming Medical Assistance
and Services Act. A medical provider who accepts payment
for services provided under this subsection shall not
charge or attempt to collect payments in excess of the rate
schedule established by the department of health family
services.

35-25-107. Program expenditures; monitoring;
recommendations; required action to limit expenditures to
budget available.

(c) The funding for the child health insurance
program shall be deemed to be included within the division
of health care financing assistance and services line item
within the department of health family services budget
unless a separate line item is provided in the budget bill.
General fund expenditures for the child health program
shall not exceed the amount needed to match federal funds
without explicit authorization enacted in the budget bill.

Section 2. The positions, personnel, property and
appropriated funds associated with the child health
insurance program within the department of health shall be transferred to the department of family services.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2017.