

SENATE FILE NO. SF0143

Child health insurance program management.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Scott

A BILL

for

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

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-25-102(a)(ii), 35-25-103,
 11 35-25-106(c) and 35-25-107(c) are amended to read:

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13 **35-25-102. Definitions.**

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15 (a) As used in this act:

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1 (ii) "Department" means the department of health
2 family services;

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4 **35-25-103. Child health insurance program**
5 **eligibility.**

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7 Subject to approval of the state plan by the United States
8 secretary of health and human services, and subject to
9 available state and federal funding the department shall
10 provide a health insurance plan offered through a private
11 insurance company licensed by the insurance commissioner to
12 write insurance in Wyoming for an eligible child whose
13 monthly gross family income is not more than one hundred
14 eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level,
15 until July 1, 2005, and thereafter, whose monthly gross
16 family income is not more than two hundred percent (200%)
17 of the federal poverty level. A child who is determined
18 eligible to receive benefits under this section shall
19 remain eligible for twelve (12) months as long as the child
20 resides in the state of Wyoming and has not yet attained
21 nineteen (19) years of age. A child's eligibility to
22 receive benefits under this act shall be redetermined on an
23 annual basis. A simplified application process, which

1 includes minimum eligibility requirements, shall be
2 provided throughout the state at various public and private
3 establishments approved by the department of ~~health~~family
4 services. To be determined eligible to receive benefits
5 under this section, a child shall not be eligible under the
6 Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act, shall not have
7 been covered under another health insurance plan for a
8 minimum of one (1) month prior to application for coverage
9 under this act or, upon birth, the child would not
10 otherwise be covered by a public or private health
11 insurance plan. Eligibility under this section shall be
12 determined by the department of ~~health~~family services or
13 its designee.

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15 **35-25-106. Private health insurance plan request for**
16 **proposals.**

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18 (c) If the department does not receive a proposal
19 from an insurance company within one hundred twenty (120)
20 days after issuing the request for proposals required in
21 subsection (a) of this section, the department may provide
22 services to children eligible under this act with a public
23 health benefit package designed to provide the same

1 services as authorized under the Wyoming Medical Assistance
2 and Services Act. A medical provider who accepts payment
3 for services provided under this subsection shall not
4 charge or attempt to collect payments in excess of the rate
5 schedule established by the department of ~~health~~family
6 services.

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8 **35-25-107. Program expenditures; monitoring;**
9 **recommendations; required action to limit expenditures to**
10 **budget available.**

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

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21 **Section 2.** The positions, personnel, property and
22 appropriated funds associated with the child health

1 insurance program within the department of health shall be
2 transferred to the department of family services.

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

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