

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Douglas R. Welton

Senate Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

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 General Fund Restricted Children's Health Care Coverage Program Restricted Account, as an ongoing appropriation:~~

~~from the General Fund, Ongoing, \$172,500.]~~

▶ to Department of Health – Children's Health Insurance Program, as an ongoing appropriation:

from the General Fund ~~Restricted – Children's Health Care Coverage Program Restricted Account~~ , Ongoing, \$172,500.

Other Special Clauses:



None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

26-18-15, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 390

63I-1-226, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 19, 154, 172, 181, 221, 232, 303, 347, and 429

ENACTS:

26-18-27, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **26-18-15** is amended to read:

26-18-15. Process to promote health insurance coverage for children.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2. Section **26-18-27** is enacted to read:

26-18-27. Children's Health Care Coverage Program -- Restricted Account.

(1) As used in this section:

~~§→ [(a) "Account" means the Children's Health Care Coverage Program Restricted Account created in Subsection (4).] ←§~~

59 ~~§→ [(b)]~~ (a) ~~←§~~ "CHIP" means the Children's Health Insurance Program created in Section
60 26-40-103.

61 ~~§→ [(e)]~~ (b) ~~←§~~ "Program" means the Children's Health Care Coverage Program created in
62 Subsection (2).

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

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

66 (i) promote health insurance coverage for children in accordance with Section
67 26-18-15;

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

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

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

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

75 (B) any barriers during the application process;

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

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

80 (vii) identify outreach opportunities, including partnerships with community
81 organizations including:

82 (A) schools;

83 (B) small businesses;

84 (C) unemployment centers;

85 (D) parent-teacher associations; and

86 (E) youth athlete clubs and associations; and

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

89 ~~§→ [(3) (a) The program shall be funded solely with:Ⓢ~~

~~⊕~~ ~~(i) money from the account; and~~

~~(ii) any federal matching funds that may be available through money from the account.~~

~~(b)] (3) (a) ←~~ ~~§~~ The department may not delegate implementation of the program to a private entity.

~~§→ [(e)] (b) ←~~ ~~§~~ Notwithstanding Subsection (3) ~~§→ [(b)] (a) ←~~ ~~§~~, the department may contract with a media

agency to conduct the activities described in Subsection (2)(b)(iv) and (vii).

~~§→ [(4) (a) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the "Children's Health Insurance Coverage Program Restricted Account."~~

~~(b) The restricted account consists of:~~

~~(i) money appropriated to the restricted account by the Legislature;~~

~~(ii) private donations; and~~

~~(iii) all income and interest derived from the deposit and investment of money in the account.~~

~~(c) Subject to legislative appropriations, money in the restricted account may only be used to fund activities related to the program.] ←~~ ~~§~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(10) Subsection **26-10-6(5)**, which creates the Newborn Hearing Screening Committee,

is repealed July 1, 2026.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2026.

Section 4. **Appropriation.**

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

~~§→ [Subsection 4(a). Restricted Fund and Account Transfers:~~

~~The Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer the following amounts between the following funds or accounts as indicated. Expenditures and outlays from the funds to which the money is transferred must be authorized by an appropriation:~~

~~ITEM 1~~

~~To General Fund Restricted -- Children's Health Care Coverage Program Restricted Account~~

~~From General Fund, Ongoing \$172,500~~

~~Schedule of Programs:~~

~~General Fund Restricted -- Children's Health Care~~

~~Coverage Program Restricted Account \$172,500] ←§~~

Subsection ~~§→~~ [4(b)] 4(a) ~~←§~~ . Operating and Capital Budgets.

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

ITEM ~~§→~~ [2] 1 ~~←§~~

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

From General Fund ~~§→~~ [~~Restricted -- Children's Health Care~~

~~Coverage Program Restricted Account] ←§~~ , Ongoing \$172,500

Schedule of Programs:

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