

HOUSE BILL No. 1348

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-7-2-154.8; IC 12-15.

Synopsis: Medicaid eligibility and outreach. Increases for one year the family income eligibility standard for Medicaid for a child from birth through 18 years of age to 200% of the federal income poverty level. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to initiate efforts to improve enrollment, eligibility determinations, and access to medical services for Medicaid eligible pregnant women and children. Provides options for the office of the secretary of family and social services to consider. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to report to the state budget committee not
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Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 1998.

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January 13, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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later than May 30, 1998, regarding the office's activities to improve enrollment, eligibility determinations, and access to services for Medicaid eligible pregnant women and children. Allows the office of the secretary of family and social services to establish a program that allows certain entities to determine that a pregnant woman or child is presumptively eligible for Medicaid. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to determine locations other than a county office of family and children where an individual may apply for Medicaid.

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Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-7-2-154.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: **Sec. 154.8. "Qualified entity", for**
4 **purposes of IC 12-15-2.2, has the meaning set forth in**
5 **IC 12-15-2.2-1.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 12-15-2-15.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
7 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: **Sec. 15.6. (a) Notwithstanding sections**
9 **14, 15, and 15.5 of this chapter, an individual:**

10 (1) **whose family income does not exceed two hundred percent**
11 **(200%) of the federal income poverty level for the same size**
12 **family; and**

13 (2) **who is otherwise eligible for Medicaid under section 14, 15,**
14 **or 15.5 of this chapter;**
15 **is eligible for Medicaid.**



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1 **(b) The state's share of any treatment received by an individual**
 2 **who is eligible for Medicaid under this section is calculated under**
 3 **Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396aa et**
 4 **seq.).**

5 **(c) This section expires June 30, 1999.**

6 SECTION 3. IC 12-15-2.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 7 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 1998]:

9 **Chapter 2.2. Outreach Efforts**

10 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "qualified entity" means an**
 11 **entity approved by the office of the secretary to determine**
 12 **presumptive eligibility for pregnant women and children to receive**
 13 **services under the Medicaid program.**

14 **Sec. 2. (a) The office of the secretary shall initiate efforts to**
 15 **improve the following elements of the Medicaid program:**

- 16 **(1) Enrollment.**
 17 **(2) Eligibility determinations.**
 18 **(3) Access to medical services.**

19 **(b) To carry out the requirements described in subsection (a),**
 20 **the office of the secretary shall consider the following:**

- 21 **(1) Allowing qualified entities to determine presumptive**
 22 **eligibility for pregnant women and children.**
 23 **(2) Allowing outstation locations to accept Medicaid**
 24 **applications.**
 25 **(3) Designing simplified application forms.**
 26 **(4) Allowing applications to be:**
 27 **(A) filed by mail; or**
 28 **(B) completed by telephone.**
 29 **(5) Other outreach activities as appropriate.**

30 **Sec. 3. (a) If the office of the secretary establishes a program of**
 31 **presumptive eligibility, the office of the secretary shall determine**
 32 **the following:**

- 33 **(1) Which qualified entities may presumptively enroll**
 34 **pregnant women and children in the Medicaid program.**
 35 **(2) The duties of a qualified entity.**

36 **(b) If a program of presumptive eligibility is established under**
 37 **this section, the office of the secretary may adopt rules under**
 38 **IC 4-22-2 to implement the program.**

39 SECTION 4. IC 12-15-4-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 1. **(a) An application**
 41 **or a request for Medicaid for an individual must be:**

- 42 **(1) made to the county office of or another location determined**



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by the office of the secretary in the county in which the applicant resides; and
(2) in the manner required by the office.

(b) The office of the secretary shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry out this section.

SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Not later than May 30, 1998, the office of the secretary of family and social services shall report to the state budget committee regarding the efforts of the office of the secretary of family and social services to improve enrollment, eligibility determinations, and access to services under the Medicaid program, as required under IC 12-15-2.2-2, as added by this act.

(b) This SECTION expires January 1, 1999.

SECTION 6. An emergency is declared for this act.

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