

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20488C1

This legislation is being proposed by the Catastrophic Health Care Cost Board and provides the following: 1. Changes some references to Chapter 35, Title 31; 2. Provides technical cleanup and updates throughout; 3. Specifies that an individual requesting financial assistance needs to be a resident of the state to be eligible; 4. Clarifies some existing definitions and creates new definitions of completed application and medical claim; 5. Clarifies that to be medically indigent, a patient cannot have income or resources from any source sufficient to pay for medical services; 6. Clarifies that the reimbursement rates in effect at the time services are delivered will be paid at 85% of that rate for 2 years; 7. Under resources, adds Section 1011 as a potential resource which would reimburse emergency medical costs for undocumented persons (for Idaho there is a limited amount of funds); 8. Under utilization management, clarifies that the reimbursement rate is applied to the UM recommendation to determine reimbursement; this again specified in several sections; 9. Clarifies some of the powers of the county commissioners and CAT board; 10. Clearly identifies the combined application and notice of lien; 11. Specifies that the combined application must be signed and who can sign; 12. Clarifies the timeline for filing an application to determine Medicaid eligibility; also that the application process and timelines must be complied with; 13. Clarifies that the county or CAT Fund can conduct utilization management of any portion; 14. Clarifies that hospitals need to apply for the Section 1011 program; 15. Enables the county and CAT to have joint subrogated interest for reimbursements or payments; 16. Clearly identifies some additional CAT responsibilities and allows for contracting or hiring individuals to operate the program; 17. Clarifies the approval process for the CAT board, how much they should pay and the timeline for payment of claims; 18. Provides additional technical updates; 19. New Section that prohibits personal identifying information from any UM reviewer from being disclosed.

FISCAL NOTE

There would be a cost savings to the state general fund of about \$4-5 million. There will also be cost savings to the counties of approximately \$1 million for those costs under \$11,000.

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