

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 09, 2020

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Wagoner, Representatives Vander Woude, Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Zollinger, Christensen, Green (Kastning)(2), Lickley, Chew, Rubel, Davis

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Rubel

GUESTS: Shannon Brady, Julie Hamman, Kristin Matthews, Camille Schiller, and Wayne Denney, DHW; Meeghan Sheppard, Governor's Office; Misty Lawrence, DFM; Brad Hunt, O.A.R.C

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Wood turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Wagoner**.

DOCKET NO. 16-0102-1901: **Wayne Denney**, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Preparedness, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented **Docket No. 16-0102-1901**, EMS definitions. Updates align with the current statute and the Red Tape Reduction Act. Reference to aid rendered by a ski patroller has been removed, in accordance with **H 9**.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Wood** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0102-1901**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0103-1901: **Wayne Denney**, Bureau Chief, Bureau of EMS and Preparedness, Division of Public Health, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0103-1901**, EMS agency licensing. Updates include housekeeping, title, and the Time Sensitive Emergency (TSE) standards manual reference. The current TSE system has only applied to hospitals. Changes provide an agency voluntary TSE designation, best practices, and standards. Rule making has been in compliance with the Red Tape Reduction Act.

Answering committee questions, **Mr. Denney** stated the agencies have expressed their eagerness to participate. Marketing materials, such as patches, are being developed for a wearable designation of the agency's going above and beyond the basic training.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Davis** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0103-1901**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0107-1901: **Wayne Denney**, Bureau Chief, Bureau of EMS and Preparedness, Division of Public Health, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0107-1901**, EMS personnel licensure rules. Because Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or paramedic licensing varies in other states, Idaho joined the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact Act (REPLICA), which assures member states use Idaho's minimum criteria. The rule changes allow issuance of a reciprocal license to individuals from REPLICA states, allowing immediately do ambulance work with ninety days for their license application.

Additional changes align with **H 249** for expedited licensure of military veterans and their spouses. For reinstatement of lapsed EMS personnel licenses, the certification exam requirement has been replaced with competency certification from the EMS provider's medical director.

Answering questions, **Mr. Denney** explained the data acquired from other states does not contain personnel file information. Urban and some rural areas may hire the highest paramedic level while keeping volunteers at the EMT or advanced EMT levels. If a veteran or spouse has all of their requirements met when they apply, the licensing will be completed in hours.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0107-1901**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0301-1901: **Camille Schiller**, Program Manager, Medicaid Eligibility, Division of Welfare, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0301-1901**. The Medicaid Program for Families and Children changes are in compliance with the Red Tape Reduction Act. When an inmate meets the current program eligibility requirements, a new rule provides payment of in-patient services during an overnight hospital stay.

Medicaid for adults eligibility rules have been added. The eligibility sections for parent care takers, relatives, pregnant women, and the adult group have been combined. The eligibility criteria for all adult income limits has been added. Updates have been made for simplicity and to include all of the eligible population. The changes comply with state statute and federal regulations.

Responding to questions, **Ms. Schiller** explained eligible pregnant women are protected from the excess income determination through their postpartum period. The 133% limit aligns with federal requirements, adding the 5% disregard afterwards for a total of 138%.

Dave Jeppesen, Director, DHW, was invited to answer a question. Due to Medicaid expansion, the inmate funding was included in the 2020 budget Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee process last year, which is why there is no fiscal note notation. Funding has already transferred from the Correction's budget to the DHW. Gender reassignment surgery is not a covered benefit under Medicaid. The inmate Medicaid coverage is during a hospital stay, reverting to the correctional coverage upon return to the correctional facility.

For the record, no one else indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Wood** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0301-1901**.

Answering a further question, **Ms. Schiller** stated the eligible Medicaid program determines the match rate.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps Zollinger, Kastning, and Christensen** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Representative Wagoner
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary