

MINUTES
SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 02, 2023

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chairman Zuiderveld, Senators Lee, Harris, Wintrow, and Taylor

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Chairman VanOrden and Senator Bjerke

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CONVENED: **Vice Chairman Zuiderveld** called the meeting of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee (Committee) to order at 3:01 p.m.

DOCKET NO.: 16-0309-2201 **Medicare Basic Plan Benefits - Proposed Rule. David Bell**, Deputy Administrator, Policy and Innovation, Division of Medicaid, stated the docket concerned requirements of the fitting of prosthetic and orthotic devices.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Lee** asked what the difference was between the new section c and section d, as they looked to be the same. **Mr. Bell** replied that there was no difference, as a print error had occurred. **Senator Lee** asked if the new section c required another visit to the physician. **Mr. Bell** replied no, it allowed the podiatrist to perform the fitting.

MOTION: **Senator Wintrow** moved to approve **Docket No. 16-0309-2201**. **Senator Taylor** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO.: 16-0317-2201 **Medicare/Medicaid Coordinated Plan Benefits (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule. David Bell** explained there were no substantive changes to the Rule.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Lee** inquired about the significant change to the rule, as over 40 percent of the language was removed. **Jennifer Pinkerton**, Policy Analyst, Division of Medicaid, stated paragraphs and introductions were consolidated, as this was not a large chapter to begin with.

Senator Wintrow informed the Committee she had previously reviewed the 3 dockets with the Division of Medicaid, and was comfortable with the changes.

MOTION: **Senator Wintrow** moved to approve **Docket No. 16-0317-2201**. **Senator Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO.: 16-0325-2201 **Idaho Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program (Program) (Chapter Repeal) - Proposed Rule. David Bell** explained it was no longer necessary, as it had been repealed. The Program ended on December 31, 2021, and all activity had closed.

MOTION: **Senator Wintrow** moved to approve **Docket No. 16-0325-2201**. **Senator Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

S 1126 **ADOPTION - Amends existing law to provide an exception to residency requirements in certain adoption proceedings. Senator Lee** informed the Committee this would assist children with residency and helped keep them out of foster care unless that child was subject to a child protection case.

MOTION: **Senator Harris** moved to send **S 1126** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Taylor** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Vice Chairman Zuiderveld** adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Senator VanOrden
Chair

Michelle Tierney
Secretary