

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0138

Child health insurance program amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Larsen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to health care; amending the child health
2 insurance program as specified; amending definitions;
3 specifying the benefits offered by the program; specifying
4 allowable cost containment actions; amending obsolete
5 language; repealing provisions related to enrollment and
6 priority for the receipt of program benefits; repealing
7 provisions related to the qualification of parents and
8 guardians for program benefits; and providing for an
9 effective date.

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11 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-25-102(a)(iv), 35-25-104 and
14 35-25-107(a)(intro) and (c) are amended to read:

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16 **35-25-102. Definitions.**

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2 (a) As used in this act:

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4 (iv) "Private health insurance" means an
5 individual insurance policy or contract for the purpose of
6 paying for or reimbursing the cost of dental, hospital and
7 medical care;

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9 **35-25-104. Private insurance program benefits.**

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11 A child eligible for services under this act shall receive
12 benefits developed by the health benefits committee
13 established under W.S. 35-25-105 that include cost sharing
14 factors, not to exceed the maximum allowable under Public
15 Law 105-33, exclusions and limitations. The benefit
16 package, conforming to the requirements of minimum
17 essential coverage under the Patient Protection and
18 Affordable Care Act, 42 U.S.C. § 18022(b), shall include,
19 at a minimum, inpatient and outpatient hospital services,
20 physician services, laboratory and x-ray services,
21 well-baby and well-child care including age appropriate
22 immunizations and the additional services of prescription
23 drug coverage, vision coverage and dental coverage which

1 will include preventive and basic services developed by the
2 health benefits committee.

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4 **35-25-107. Program expenditures; monitoring;**
5 **recommendations; required action to limit expenditures to**
6 **budget available.**

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8 (a) The department shall project monthly expenditures
9 under this act each month through the end of the biennium
10 based upon the level of activity for the previous months
11 and the trend in expenditures compared to previous
12 expenditures. ~~If the projections indicate that expenditures~~
13 ~~may exceed the federal and state funds available under this~~
14 ~~act, the department, may, by rule and regulation and~~
15 ~~subject to availability of funds, limit participation in~~
16 ~~the program under this section as follows:~~ The department
17 may consider cost containment actions having no adverse
18 effect on eligibility standards, methods and procedures.

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20 (c) The funding for the child health insurance
21 program shall be deemed to be included within the ~~community~~
22 ~~and family health~~ division of health care financing line
23 item within the department of health budget unless a

1 separate line item is provided in the budget bill. General
2 fund expenditures for the child health program shall not
3 exceed the amount needed to match federal funds without
4 explicit authorization enacted in the budget bill.

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6 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-25-107(a)(i) and (ii) and
7 35-25-111 are repealed.

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9 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2016.

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11 (END)