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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES BILL)

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1 An Act providing for a well-being visit to be conducted on an
2 optional basis under a family investment program limited
3 benefit plan and providing an effective date.

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1 Section 1. Section 239B.9, subsection 5, Code 2001, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. WELL-BEING VISIT. If a participant has chosen a
4 subsequent limited benefit plan, the department may conduct a
5 well-being visit or contract for a well-being visit to be
6 conducted, provided funding is available for the costs of such
7 visits. A well-being visit shall meet all of the following
8 criteria:

9 a. A qualified professional shall attempt to visit with
10 the participant family with a focus upon the children's well-
11 being.

12 b. The visit shall be performed conducted during or within
13 four weeks of the second month of the start of the subsequent
14 limited benefit plan.

15 c. The visit shall serve as an extension of the family
16 investment program and the family investment agreement
17 philosophy of supporting families as they move toward self-
18 sufficiency. ~~The department may contract for the visit.~~

19 Sec. 2. CONTRACT TERMINATION. Effective April 1, 2002,
20 the department of human services shall terminate its contract
21 with the Iowa department of health for conducting well-being
22 visits under section 239B.9, subsection 5, as in effect upon
23 the effective date of this Act.

24 Sec. 3. EMERGENCY RULES. The department of human services
25 may adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 2,
26 and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement
27 the provisions of this Act and the rules shall be effective
28 immediately upon filing unless a later date is specified in
29 the rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with this section
30 shall also be published as a notice of intended action as
31 provided in section 17A.4.

32 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
33 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill provides for a well-being visit to be conducted

1 on an optional basis under a family investment program limited
2 benefit plan.

3 Under current law, the first time a family investment
4 program participant chooses a limited benefit plan, the period
5 of ineligibility for cash assistance continues until the
6 participant completes significant contact with or action in
7 regard to the promoting of independence and self-sufficiency
8 through employment job opportunities and basic skills (PROMISE
9 JOBS) program. A second or subsequent limited benefit plan
10 provides for a six-month period of ineligibility with the
11 ineligibility continuing indefinitely after that period until
12 the participant completes such significant contact or action.
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14 the participant's family when a participant chooses a second
15 or subsequent benefit plan.

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17 optional for the department, allows the department to either
18 conduct the visit or contract for it, and provides that
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JESSIE K. RASMUSSEN, DIRECTOR

To: Members of the General Assembly

From: Jessie K. Rasmussen *JKR*

The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) is proposing legislation relating to: Well-being visit in Section 239B.A, subsection 5, Iowa Code 2001. The proposal allows the Department to conduct or contract for well-being visits to families who have lost cash assistance under a Family Investment Program (FIP) limited benefit plan (LBP) on an optional basis, provided funding is available for the costs of the visits.

Well-being visits are attempts to visit with FIP participant families who have lost cash eligibility because of a second or subsequent LBP and focuses on the well being of the children in the family. The Department currently contracts with the Department of Public Health for this service. The proposed legislation allows for termination of this contract effective April 1, 2002.

This legislation is proposed as a means to mitigate the TANF funding shortfall, reserving essential resources for FIP cash grants and employment and training and case management services to FIP families.

The proposed legislation will become effective upon enactment and gives the Department emergency rule-making authority.

For additional information regarding this proposal or other questions, please contact Kate Walton, Legislative Liaison, at 281-4387 or e-mail at kw Walton@dhd.state.ia.us.

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