

**514I.1 Intent of the general assembly.**

1. It is the intent of the general assembly to provide health care coverage to eligible children that improves access to preventive, diagnostic, and treatment health services which result in improved health status using in part resources made available from the passage of Tit. XXI of the federal Social Security Act.

2. It is the intent of the general assembly that the program be implemented and administered in compliance with Tit. XXI of the federal Social Security Act. If, as a condition of receiving federal funds for the program, federal law requires implementation and administration of the program in a manner not provided in [this chapter](#), during a period when the general assembly is not in session, the department, with the approval of the medical assistance advisory council, shall proceed to implement and administer those provisions, subject to review by the next regular session of the general assembly.

3. It is the intent of the general assembly, recognizing the importance of outreach to the successful utilization of the program by eligible children, that within the limitations of funding allowed for outreach and administration expenses, the maximum amount possible be used for outreach.

4. It is the intent of the general assembly that the Hawki program be an integral part of the continuum of health insurance coverage and that the program be developed and implemented in such a manner as to facilitate movement of families between health insurance providers and to facilitate the transition of families to private sector health insurance coverage.

5. It is the intent of the general assembly that if federal reauthorization of the state children's health insurance program provides sufficient federal allocations to the state and authorization to cover such children as an option under the state children's health insurance program, the department shall expand coverage under the state children's health insurance program to cover children with family incomes at or below three hundred percent of the federal poverty level.

[98 Acts, ch 1196, §2, 16](#); [2003 Acts, ch 108, §131](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1188, §5, 6](#); [2009 Acts, ch 118, §23](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §1210](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1170, §473](#)