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COMMERCE AND REGULATION

HOUSE FILE 319

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the provision of health insurance coverage to
 2 children.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 249A.3, Code 2001, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. The department shall establish
4 presumptive eligibility under the medical assistance program
5 for a child who is under nineteen years of age. A
6 determination of presumptive eligibility shall be made only
7 once in a twelve-month period.

8 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 280.7A HEALTHY AND WELL KIDS IN
9 IOWA (HAWK-I) INFORMATION.

10 The board of directors of each school district shall
11 require the school district to provide healthy and well kids
12 in Iowa program information and application forms to all
13 students at the time of school registration. The application
14 forms shall be provided by the healthy and well kids in Iowa
15 program pursuant to section 514I.7, subsection 2, paragraph
16 "h".

17 Sec. 3. Section 514I.4, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code
18 2001, is amended to read as follows:

19 a. Develop a program application form not to exceed two
20 pages in length, which is consistent with the rules of the
21 board, which is easy to understand, complete, and concise, and
22 which, to the greatest extent possible, coordinates with the
23 medical assistance program. The program application form
24 shall provide a space in which the applicant may provide the
25 name and contact information of any person who assisted the
26 applicant in applying for the program and may authorize the
27 administrative contractor to notify the person regarding the
28 outcome of the application with the sole purpose of the
29 notification being that the person will continue to assist the
30 applicant in obtaining and retaining health insurance
31 coverage.

32 Sec. 4. Section 514I.8, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
33 2001, is amended to read as follows:

34 c. Is a member of a family whose income does not exceed
35 two hundred percent of the federal poverty level, as defined

1 in 42 U.S.C. § 9902(2), including any revision required by
2 such section. Determination of an applicant's income shall be
3 made on the basis of the applicant's self-declaration of
4 income.

5 Sec. 5. Section 514I.8, subsection 3, Code 2001, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 3. In accordance with the rules adopted by the board, a
8 child ~~may~~ shall be determined to be presumptively eligible for
9 the program pending a final eligibility determination.
10 Following final determination of eligibility by the
11 administrative contractor, a child shall be eligible for a
12 twelve-month period. At the end of the twelve-month period,
13 the administrative contractor shall conduct a review of the
14 circumstances of the eligible child's family to establish
15 eligibility and cost sharing for the subsequent twelve-month
16 period.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill relates to the provision of health care coverage
19 to children under the medical assistance and healthy and well
20 kids in Iowa (HAWK-I) programs.

21 The bill provides for presumptive eligibility of children
22 under the age of 19 in the medical assistance program and
23 provides that a determination of presumptive eligibility of a
24 child is to be made only once in a 12-month period.

25 The bill directs the boards of directors of school
26 districts to require that HAWK-I program information and
27 application forms be provided at the time of school
28 registration.

29 The bill provides that the HAWK-I application form is to
30 provide a space for an applicant to provide information
31 regarding any person who assisted the applicant in applying
32 for the program and for the applicant to authorize the
33 administrative contractor of the HAWK-I program to notify the
34 person, the sole purpose of the notification being that the
35 person will continue to assist the applicant in obtaining and

1 retaining health insurance coverage.

2 The bill provides that the determination of an applicant's
3 family income under the HAWK-I program is to be based upon the
4 applicant's self-declaration of income.

5 The bill provides for presumptive eligibility of a child in
6 the HAWK-I program which, following a final eligibility
7 determination, would continue for a 12-month period.

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