

Senate Study Bill 3106

Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [239B.9](#), subsection 5, Code 2001, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 5. WELL-BEING VISIT. If a participant has chosen a
1 4 subsequent limited benefit plan, the department may conduct a
1 5 well-being visit or contract for a well-being visit to be
1 6 conducted, provided funding is available for the costs of such
1 7 visits. A well-being visit shall meet all of the following
1 8 criteria:
1 9 a.

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- A qualified professional shall attempt to visit with
1 10 the participant family with a focus upon the children's well-
1 11 being.

1 12 b. The visit shall be

~~performed~~

- conducted during or within

1 13 four weeks of the second month of the start of the subsequent
1 14 limited benefit plan.

1 15 c. The visit shall serve as an extension of the family
1 16 investment program and the family investment agreement
1 17 philosophy of supporting families as they move toward self-
1 18 sufficiency.

~~The department may contract for the visit.~~

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

1 24 Sec. 3. EMERGENCY RULES. The department of human services
1 25 may adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 2,
1 26 and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement
1 27 the provisions of this Act and the rules shall be effective
1 28 immediately upon filing unless a later date is specified in
1 29 the rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with this section
1 30 shall also be published as a notice of intended action as
1 31 provided in section 17A.4.

1 32 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
1 33 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

1 34 EXPLANATION

1 35 This bill provides for a well-being visit to be conducted
2 1 on an optional basis under a family investment program limited
2 2 benefit plan.

2 3 Under current law, the first time a family investment
2 4 program participant chooses a limited benefit plan, the period
2 5 of ineligibility for cash assistance continues until the
2 6 participant completes significant contact with or action in
2 7 regard to the promoting of independence and self-sufficiency
2 8 through employment job opportunities and basic skills (PROMISE
2 9 JOBS) program. A second or subsequent limited benefit plan
2 10 provides for a six-month period of ineligibility with the
2 11 ineligibility continuing indefinitely after that period until
2 12 the participant completes such significant contact or action.

2 13 Current law requires a well-being visit to be performed with
2 14 the participant's family when a participant chooses a second
2 15 or subsequent benefit plan.

2 16 The bill makes the currently required well-being visit
2 17 optional for the department, allows the department to either
2 18 conduct the visit or contract for it, and provides that
2 19 conducting such visits is subject to the availability of
2 20 funding. Effective April 1, 2002, the department is directed
2 21 to terminate its contract with the Iowa department of public
2 22 health for conducting the visits. Emergency rulemaking is
2 23 authorized to implement the bill.

2 24 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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