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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to redesign of the medical assistance program and
2 providing an effective date.

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

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HUMAN RESOURCES

1 Section 1. MEDICAID REDESIGN -- REVIEW -- REPORT. The
2 medical assistance advisory council established pursuant to
3 section 249A.4, subsection 8, shall do all of the following:

4 1. Identify current federal provisions for the medical
5 assistance program including mandatory and optional
6 eligibility groups, income and resource standards, covered
7 services, and cost-sharing provisions.

8 2. Determine the minimum requirements under federal law
9 for state compliance under the medical assistance program.
10 Following this determination, compare the state's medical
11 assistance program with the minimum federal requirements to
12 determine the extent to which the provisions of the state's
13 medical assistance program exceed the minimum federal
14 requirements.

15 3. Review potential program changes through which cost
16 savings might be realized including but not limited to changes
17 in coverage of eligibility groups and services, waivers, and
18 cost sharing, and determine the potential impact of these
19 changes on medical assistance program recipients.

20 4. Submit a written report of recommendations to the
21 governor and the general assembly by September 1, 2003, for a
22 medical assistance program redesign that results in providing
23 access to basic health care services to the majority of low-
24 income Iowans in the most cost-effective manner.

25 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
26 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill directs the medical assistance advisory council
29 to identify current federal provisions for the medical
30 assistance program, determine the minimum requirements under
31 federal law for state compliance under the medical assistance
32 program, and compare the state's current medical assistance
33 program with the minimum federal requirements in order to
34 determine the extent to which the provisions of the state's
35 medical assistance program exceed the minimum requirements.

1 The council is directed to then review potential program
2 changes through which cost savings might be realized including
3 changes in coverage of eligibility groups and services,
4 waivers, and cost sharing and determine the potential impact
5 of these changes on medical assistance program recipients.
6 Following the council's review, the bill directs the council
7 to submit a written report of recommendations to the governor
8 and the general assembly by September 1, 2003, for a medical
9 assistance program redesign that results in providing access
10 to basic health care services to the majority of low-income
11 Iowans in the most cost-effective manner. The bill takes
12 effect upon enactment.

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