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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing redesign of the Medicaid system.

2 WHEREAS, Iowa's current medical assistance program cannot be
 3 sustained in a manner that provides care for participants at the
 4 current rate of growth as demonstrated by cost increases of more
 5 than two percent per enrollee per month for the previous two
 6 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Iowans deserve a health care safety net that provides
 8 health care that is timely, effective, and responsive to their
 9 specific needs; and

10 WHEREAS, Iowans would be better served if the current medical
 11 assistance program were redesigned to create insurance-like
 12 products that meets their needs; and

13 WHEREAS, Iowans would be better served, at a lower cost to
 14 taxpayers, if persons who are at risk of becoming medical
 15 assistance recipients due to their income, health, and current
 16 insurance status could be identified and insured; and

17 WHEREAS, Iowa's children and families would benefit from the
 18 use of a medical home model that links children and families to
 19 an ongoing source of medical care that ensures access to and
 20 appropriate utilization of medical services including preventive
 21 services; and

22 WHEREAS, Iowa's senior population should have more options
 23 available to address their health care needs, including home and
 24 community-based services and assisted living; NOW THEREFORE,

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

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1 Section 1. A unified group including the governor, the
2 general assembly, and the department of human services shall
3 seek all waivers necessary from the centers for medicare and
4 medicaid of the United States department of health and human
5 services so that Iowa will become a laboratory for the nation
6 in redesigning the medical assistance program. The redesign
7 shall provide for such measures as state-funded health care
8 spending accounts for families on medical assistance that
9 provide incentives for effective health care cost management;
10 providing an insurance-like benefit package for those
11 individuals with extensive medical needs that emphasizes
12 flexible and preventive care through case management; moving
13 to an acuity-based reimbursement system for dually eligible
14 seniors; and developing an evidence-based pharmaceutical
15 program.

16 Sec. 2. The department of human services shall adopt
17 necessary rules to immediately implement the medical
18 assistance program redesign upon receipt of approval from the
19 centers for medicare and medicaid of the United States
20 department of health and human services.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This joint resolution relates to redesign of the medicaid
23 system. The joint resolution directs a unified group
24 including the governor, the general assembly and the
25 department of human services to seek all waivers necessary
26 from the centers for medicare and medicaid services of the
27 United States department of health and human services so that
28 Iowa will become a laboratory for the nation in the redesign
29 of the medical assistance program. The joint resolution also
30 directs the department of human services to adopt all
31 necessary rules to immediately implement the medical
32 assistance program redesign upon receipt of approval from the
33 centers for medicare and medicaid services of the United
34 States department of health and human services.

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Fiscal Note Version — New

Description

Senate Joint Resolution 4 directs a group, including the Governor, General Assembly, and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to seek waivers from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to redesign the Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Program. Senate Joint Resolution 4 also directs the DHS to adopt rules to implement the Program upon approval of the waivers.

Assumptions

Senate Joint Resolution 4 does not specify how the Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Program will be redesigned. As a result, the components of the new Program are unknown at this time.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of SJR 4 cannot be determined due to insufficient information.

Source

Legislative Fiscal Bureau analysis

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