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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning rules relating to copayments and other
2 information regarding services provided to medical
3 assistance recipients.

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

1 Section 1. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES — COPAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN
2 SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. The
3 department of human services shall adopt or amend rules under
4 the medical assistance program to provide for all of the
5 following:

6 1. A copayment charge shall not be applicable for a
7 recipient of care as an inpatient at a hospital, nursing
8 facility, state mental health institute, or other medical
9 institution if the person is required, as a condition of
10 receiving services in the hospital, facility, or institution,
11 to spend for costs of necessary medical care all but a minimal
12 amount of income for personal needs.

13 2. A copayment charge of five dollars shall be applicable
14 for all covered services rendered in a hospital emergency
15 room if the medical condition does not result in an inpatient
16 admission to the hospital at the time of the emergency room
17 visit or at a subsequent time.

18 3. The eligibility card of any recipient of medical
19 assistance twenty-one years of age or older shall include a
20 statement regarding the copayment charge for office visits and
21 emergency room visits.

22 4. Any Medipass program card shall include a statement
23 informing the recipient that the recipient must see the doctor
24 whose name is printed on the card or receive a referral from
25 such doctor in order to receive coverage for nonemergent
26 medical services.

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EXPLANATION

28 This bill directs the department of human services to adopt
29 or amend rules for the medical assistance program to provide
30 for all of the following:

31 1. That a copayment charge shall not be applicable for
32 a recipient of care as an inpatient at a hospital, nursing
33 facility, state mental health institute, or other medical
34 institution if the person is required, as a condition of
35 receiving services in the hospital, facility, or institution,

1 to spend for costs of necessary medical care all but a
2 minimal amount of income for personal needs. Current rules
3 provide that a copayment does not apply to such care in such
4 facilities, but does not specify that the copayment is only not
5 applicable to care provided to an individual as an inpatient.

6 2. A copayment charge of \$5 for all covered services
7 rendered in a hospital emergency room if the medical condition
8 does not result in an inpatient admission to the hospital at
9 the time of the emergency room visit or at a subsequent time.
10 Current rules provide that copayment charges are not applicable
11 for emergency services.

12 3. The eligibility card of any recipient of medical
13 assistance 21 years of age or older is to include a statement
14 of the copayment charge for office visits and emergency room
15 visits.

16 4. A Medipass program card is to include a statement
17 informing the recipient that the recipient must see the doctor
18 whose name is printed on the card or receive a referral from
19 such doctor in order to receive coverage for nonemergent
20 medical services.