

**House File 625 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 183)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the integration of Medicaid and healthy  
2 and well kids in Iowa program eligibility, payment, and  
3 administrative functions under the department of human  
4 services.

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

1 Section 1. Section 514I.2, subsection 1, Code 2019, is  
2 amended by striking the subsection.

3 Sec. 2. Section 514I.4, subsection 3, Code 2019, is amended  
4 by striking the subsection.

5 Sec. 3. Section 514I.4, subsection 5, Code 2019, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 5. The department shall do or shall provide for all of the  
8 following:

9 a. Determine eligibility for program enrollment as  
10 prescribed by federal law and regulation, using policies and  
11 procedures adopted by rule of the department pursuant to  
12 chapter 17A. The department shall not enroll a child who has  
13 group health coverage unless expressly authorized by such  
14 rules.

15 b. Enroll qualifying children in the program with  
16 maintenance of a supporting eligibility file or database.

17 c. Utilize the department's eligibility system to maintain  
18 eligibility files with pertinent eligibility determination and  
19 ongoing enrollment information including but not limited to  
20 data regarding beneficiaries, enrollment dates, disenrollments,  
21 and annual financial redeterminations.

22 d. Provide for administrative oversight and monitoring of  
23 federal requirements.

24 e. Perform annual financial reviews of eligibility for each  
25 beneficiary.

26 f. Collect and track monthly family premiums to assure that  
27 payments are current.

28 g. Notify each participating insurer of new program  
29 enrollees who are enrolled by the department in that  
30 participating insurer's plan.

31 h. Verify the number of program enrollees with each  
32 participating insurer for determination of the amount of  
33 premiums to be paid to each participating insurer.

34 i. Maintain data for the purpose of quality assurance  
35 reports as required by rule of the board.

1 ~~a.~~ j. (1) Establish the family cost sharing amounts for  
2 children of families with incomes of one hundred fifty percent  
3 or more but not exceeding two hundred percent of the federal  
4 poverty level, of not less than ten dollars per individual  
5 and twenty dollars per family, if not otherwise prohibited by  
6 federal law, with the approval of the board.

7 (2) Establish for children of families with incomes  
8 exceeding two hundred percent but not exceeding three hundred  
9 percent of the federal poverty level, family cost sharing  
10 amounts, and graduated premiums based on a rationally developed  
11 sliding fee schedule, in accordance with federal law, with the  
12 approval of the board.

13 ~~b.~~ k. Perform annual, random reviews of enrollee  
14 applications to ensure compliance with program eligibility and  
15 enrollment policies. Quality assurance reports shall be made  
16 to the board ~~and the department~~ based upon the data maintained  
17 by the ~~administrative contractor~~ department.

18 ~~e.~~ l. Perform other duties as determined by ~~the department~~  
19 ~~with the approval of~~ the board.

20 Sec. 4. Section 514I.5, subsection 2, Code 2019, is amended  
21 by striking the subsection.

22 Sec. 5. Section 514I.5, subsection 7, paragraph a, Code  
23 2019, is amended by striking the paragraph.

24 Sec. 6. Section 514I.5, subsection 8, paragraph b, Code  
25 2019, is amended by striking the paragraph.

26 Sec. 7. Section 514I.5, subsection 8, paragraphs h and k,  
27 Code 2019, are amended to read as follows:

28 h. Conflict of interest provisions applicable to ~~the~~  
29 ~~administrative contractor~~ and participating insurers, and  
30 between public members of the board and ~~the administrative~~  
31 ~~contractor~~ and participating insurers.

32 k. The data to be maintained by the ~~administrative~~  
33 ~~contractor~~ department including data to be collected for the  
34 purposes of quality assurance reports.

35 Sec. 8. Section 514I.6, subsection 4, unnumbered paragraph

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1 1, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

2 Provide the ~~administrative contractor~~ department with all  
3 of the following information pertaining to the participating  
4 insurer's plan:

5 Sec. 9. REPEAL. Section 514I.7, Code 2019, is repealed.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This bill integrates Medicaid and healthy and well kids in  
10 Iowa (hawk-i) program eligibility, payment, and administrative  
11 functions by eliminating the utilization of an administrative  
12 contractor under the hawk-i program and transferring the duties  
13 of the administrative contractor to the department of human  
14 services.