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HUMAN RESOURCES

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the creation of a task force to provide for  
2 the implementation of Medicare Part D, providing an  
3 appropriation, and providing an effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. TASK FORCE -- MEDICARE PART D IMPLEMENTATION.

2 1. The department of human services shall convene a task  
3 force to determine the most efficient means of implementing  
4 the Medicare drug benefit established as Medicare Part D under  
5 the federal Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and  
6 Modernization Act of 2003. The task force shall consist of  
7 all of the following voting members:

8 a. The director of human services, or the director's  
9 designee.

10 b. The director of the department of elder affairs, or the  
11 director's designee.

12 c. The director of public health, or the director's  
13 designee.

14 d. Two members of the general public who represent older  
15 Iowans, appointed by the governor.

16 e. Four members of the general assembly.

17 2. a. The legislative members of the task force shall be  
18 appointed by the co-presidents of the senate, in accordance  
19 with Senate Resolution 1, adopted during the 2005 Legislative  
20 Session, after consultation with the republican and democratic  
21 floor leaders of the senate, and by the speaker of the house  
22 of representatives, after consultation with the majority  
23 leader and the minority leader of the house of  
24 representatives. The legislative appointments shall comply  
25 with sections 69.16 and 69.16A.

26 b. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by the  
27 original appointing authority and in the manner of the  
28 original appointments.

29 3. The task force shall elect a chairperson. A majority  
30 of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum. A  
31 majority vote of those members present shall be required for  
32 any action of the task force. The department of human  
33 services shall provide staffing for the task force.

34 4. The task force shall make recommendations regarding all  
35 of the following:

1 a. Issues related to low-income elderly and individuals  
2 with disabilities who are enrolled in both Medicaid and  
3 Medicare, or "dual eligibles", who will no longer be eligible  
4 for coverage of prescription drugs under Medicaid.

5 b. The extent to which the state will provide benefits to  
6 wraparound Medicare Part D benefits.

7 c. Administration of the subsidy for low-income  
8 beneficiaries.

9 d. General administration of the Medicare Part D program  
10 throughout the state.

11 5. The task force shall submit a report of its findings  
12 and recommendations to the government oversight committees of  
13 the general assembly no later than March 1, 2005.

14 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION -- MEDICARE PART D ADMINISTRATION.

15 There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to  
16 the department of human services for the fiscal period  
17 beginning March 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, the  
18 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, for  
19 state administration of the prescription drug program  
20 established as Medicare Part D of the federal Medicare  
21 Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003,  
22 including performance of eligibility determinations for the  
23 low-income subsidy under the program and including for not  
24 more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

25 .....	\$	5,500,000
26 .....	FTEs	170.00

27 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
28 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill directs the department of human services to  
31 convene a task force to determine the most efficient means of  
32 implementing the Medicare drug benefit established as Medicare  
33 Part D under the federal Medicare Prescription Drug,  
34 Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003. The task force  
35 consists of the directors of human services, elder affairs,

1 and public health, or the director's designee, two members of  
2 the general public who represent older Iowans, and four  
3 members of the general assembly.

4 The task force is directed to make recommendations  
5 regarding:

6 1. Issues related to low-income elderly and individuals  
7 with disabilities who are enrolled in both Medicaid and  
8 Medicare, or "dual eligibles", who will no longer be eligible  
9 for coverage of prescription drugs under Medicaid.

10 2. The extent to which the state will provide benefits to  
11 wraparound Medicare Part D benefits.

12 3. Administration of the subsidy for low-income  
13 beneficiaries.

14 4. General administration of the Medicare Part D program  
15 throughout the state.

16 The bill directs the task force to submit a report of its  
17 findings and recommendations to the government oversight  
18 committees of the general assembly no later than March 1,  
19 2005.

20 The bill also appropriates \$5.5 million from the general  
21 fund of the state to the department of human services for the  
22 fiscal period beginning March 1, 2005, and ending June 30,  
23 2006, to be used for state administration of the Medicare Part  
24 D program, including performance of eligibility determinations  
25 for the low-income subsidy under the program, and for employee  
26 positions.

27 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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