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HOUSE BILL No. 2761

By Committee on Health and Human Services

9 AN ACT concerning insurance coverage for children; relating to children 10 covered by a plan for such insurance; amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 38-11 2001 and repealing the existing section. 1213 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas: 14Section 1. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 38-2001 is hereby amended to read as 15follows: 38-2001. (a) The secretary of social and rehabilitation services 16shall develop and submit a plan consistent with federal guidelines estab-17lished under section 4901 of public law 105-33 (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.; 18title XXI). 19 (b) The plan developed under subsection (a) shall be a capitated man-20aged care plan covering Kansas children from zero conception to 19 years 21of age which: 22 (1) Contains benefit levels at least equal to those for the early and 23 periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment program; 24 provides for presumptive eligibility for children where applicable; (2)25provides continuous eligibility for 12 months once a formal de-(3)26 termination is made that a child is eligible subject to subsection (e); 27(4)has performance based contracting with measurable outcomes in-28dicating age appropriate utilization of plan services to include, but not 29limited to, such measurable services as immunizations, vision, hearing and 30 dental exams, emergency room utilization, annual physical exams and 31 asthma; 32 (5)shall use the same prior authorization standards and requirements 33 as used for health care services under medicaid to further the goal of 34 seamlessness of coverage between the two programs; and 35 (6)will provide targeted low-income children, as defined under sec-36 tion 4901 of public law 105-33 (42 U.S.C. 1397aa, et seq.), coverage sub-37 ject to appropriations. 38 (c) The secretary is authorized to contract with entities authorized to 39 transact health insurance business in this state to implement the health 40insurance coverage plan pursuant to subsection (a) providing for several 41plan options to enrollees which are coordinated with federal and state 42child health care programs, except that when contracting to provide man-43 aged mental health care services the secretary shall assure that contracted 1 entities demonstrate the ability to provide a full array of mental health

2 services in accordance with the early and periodic screening, diagnosis
3 and treatment plan. The secretary shall not develop a request for proposal
4 process which excludes community mental health centers from the op-

5 portunity to bid for managed mental health care services.

6 (d) When developing and implementing the plan in subsection (a), 7 the secretary to the extent authorized by law:

8 (1) Shall include provisions that encourage contracting insurers to 9 utilize and coordinate with existing community health care institutions 10 and providers;

(2) may work with public health care providers and other community
resources to provide educational programs promoting healthy lifestyles
and appropriate use of the plan's health services;

(3) shall plan for outreach and maximum enrollment of eligible children through cooperation with local health departments, schools, child
care facilities and other community institutions and providers;

17 (4) shall provide for a simplified enrollment plan;

18 (5) shall provide cost sharing as allowed by law;

(6) shall not count the caring program for children, the Kansas health
insurance association plan or any charity health care plan as insurance
under subsection (e)(1); and

(7) may provide for payment of health insurance premiums, including
contributions to a medical savings account if applicable, if it is determined
cost effective, taking into account the number of children to be served
and the benefits to be provided.

(e) A child shall not be eligible for coverage and shall lose coverage
under the plan developed under subsection (a) of K.S.A. 38-2001, and
amendments thereto, if such child's family has not paid the enrollee's
applicable share of any premium due.

30 If the family pays all of the delinquent premiums owed during the year,
31 such child will again be eligible for coverage for the remaining months
32 of the continuous eligibility period.

(f) The plan developed under section 4901 of public law 105-33 (42
U.S.C. 1397aa *et seq.*, and amendments thereto) is not an entitlement
program. The availability of the plan benefits shall be subject to funds
appropriated. The secretary shall not utilize waiting lists, but shall monitor
costs of the program and make necessary adjustments to stay within the
program's appropriations.

39 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 38-2001 is hereby repealed.

40 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 41 publication in the statute book.