

**CHILDREN'S HEALTH COVERAGE AMENDMENTS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill directs the Department of Health to expand eligibility for all Utah children under Medicaid and CHIP.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▸ directs the Department of Health to expand eligibility for the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program to include all Utah children, including those who do not currently qualify.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**26-18-29**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**26-40-117**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **26-18-29** is enacted to read:

**26-18-29. Continuous eligibility for children -- Coverage to all Utah children.**



28 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the department shall permit an  
29 enrollee who is 18 years old or younger to remain in the Medicaid program for a 12-month  
30 certification period, as that certification period is defined by the department.

31 (2) The department shall, in accordance with this section, expand eligibility for the  
32 Medicaid program to all children in the state who:

33 (a) are 18 years old or younger;

34 (b) are otherwise ineligible for federal financial participation; and

35 (c) meet the income requirement for coverage under the Medicaid program.

36 (3) The department shall expand eligibility for Medicaid under Subsection (2) on the  
37 earlier of:

38 (a) when the department determines that systems have been programmed for  
39 implementation of this section; and

40 (b) July 1, 2023.

41 (4) (a) An individual who is eligible for coverage under the Medicaid program under  
42 Subsection (2) shall be eligible for the full scope of Medicaid benefits that the individual would  
43 otherwise receive if the individual was otherwise eligible for federal financial participation.

44 (b) An individual who is eligible under Subsection (2) shall be required to enroll in a  
45 Medicaid managed care delivery system, where implemented.

46 (c) The department shall:

47 (i) seek any necessary federal approvals to obtain federal financial participation in  
48 implementing this section; and

49 (ii) maximize federal financial participation in implementing this section.

50 (5) Section 26-18-18 does not apply to a change in eligibility under this section.

51 Section 2. Section 26-40-117 is enacted to read:

52 **26-40-117. CHIP eligibility -- Coverage to all Utah children.**

53 (1) Notwithstanding Subsection 26-40-105(1), the department shall, in accordance with  
54 this section, expand eligibility for the program to all children in the state who:

55 (a) are 18 years old or younger;

56 (b) are otherwise ineligible for federal financial participation; and

57 (c) meet the income requirement for coverage under the program.

58 (2) The department shall expand eligibility for the program under Subsection (1) on the

59 earlier of:

60 (a) when the department determines that systems have been programmed for  
61 implementation of this section; and

62 (b) July 1, 2023.

63 (3) (a) An individual who is eligible for coverage under the program under Subsection  
64 (1) shall be eligible for the full scope of benefits that the individual would otherwise receive if  
65 the individual was otherwise eligible for federal financial participation.

66 (b) The department shall:

67 (i) seek any necessary federal approvals to obtain federal financial participation in  
68 implementing this section; and

69 (ii) maximize federal financial participation in implementing this section.