



HB 211 - COMMUNITY SERVICE MEDICAID PILOT PROGRAM

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

This issue brief provides an update to the Legislature on the implementation of HB 211 *Community Service Medicaid Pilot Program* passed during the 2011 General Session. This brief is for informational purposes only and requires no Legislative action.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

HB 211 *Community Service Medicaid Pilot Program* had three requirements for the Department of Health. The list below discusses each requirement and what the Department of Health did to comply:

1. **Develop a community service pilot program for less than 100 Medicaid individuals**
 - a. The Department held three working groups and had a formal public hearing in connection with developing this proposal. The Department also received public input on the proposed waiver through written comments.
 - b. The proposal selects less than 100 individuals on the Primary Care Network program in Davis and Cache counties, who have incomes between 134% to 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. Clients would need to provide eight hours of community service monthly in order to continue to receive benefits. The Department of Health proposes implementing the program in October 2012 if federal approval is obtained.
2. **Report the proposal to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee by November 30, 2011**
 - a. The Health and Human Services Interim Committee scheduled a presentation for their November 16, 2011 meeting (<http://le.utah.gov/Interim/2011/html/00002227.htm>) but ran out of time. The following link is to information provided by the Department of Health for this meeting - <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2011/pdf/00002572.pdf>.
3. **Submit the proposal to the federal government by January 1, 2012**
 - a. The Department submitted the proposal on December 30, 2011. Appendix A is the cover letter for the proposal. The full proposal can be found at <http://www.health.utah.gov/medicaid/HB211proposal.htm>.

APPENDIX A – COVER LETTER FOR WAIVER SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



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Dear Cindy:

As directed by House Bill 211, Community Service Medicaid Pilot Program, passed during the 2011 General Session of the Utah Legislature, the Utah Department of Health submits this amendment to its 1115 Primary Care Network (PCN) Demonstration Waiver. The waiver amendment, if approved, will establish a new Community Service Medicaid Pilot Program.

The waiver amendment will allow the State to modify the enrollment rules for PCN for a pilot group of less than 100 people. This new group will be required to perform regular community service as a condition of eligibility. The increased client responsibility will allow the participant to give something back to the community in exchange for his/her program benefit. This service will help build a sense of contribution to the program and also add to the participant's program experience. The pilot program participants will receive the same medical benefit afforded to current PCN recipients.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to amend Utah's existing 1115 PCN Waiver to include this new pilot program.

Sincerely,

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