

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 2631

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to the Committee on Banking and Insurance then
Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §5-16B-6f, relating to qualifying children of state employees, receiving income
 3 of \$25,000 per year or less, for the West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 16B. WEST VIRGINIA CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.

§5-16B-6f. Expansion of West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program to children of state employees.

1 (a) Upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the board shall
 2 implement a program for uninsured children of state employees, as defined in §16-2-1 et seq. of
 3 this code, receiving income of \$25,000 per year or less.

4 (b) The benefit plans offered pursuant to this section shall include services determined to
 5 be appropriate for children, but may vary from those currently offered by the board.

6 (c) The board shall structure the benefit plans for this expansion to include premiums,
 7 coinsurance or copays and deductibles. The board shall develop the cost-sharing features in
 8 such a manner as to keep the program fiscally stable without creating a barrier to enrollment.
 9 Such features may include different cost-sharing features within this group based upon the
 10 percentage of the federal poverty level.

11 (d) Notwithstanding any provision in this chapter to the contrary, children covered by West
 12 Virginia State Employee Health Insurance are eligible for coverage under this expansion. If so,
 13 the expansion is a complement to and/or a supplement to the gaps in coverage provided for a
 14 child under a parent's West Virginia State Employee Health Insurance plan.

15 (e) Provider reimbursement schedules shall be no lower than the reimbursement provided
 16 for the same services under the plans offered in §5-16-1 et seq. of this code.

17 (f) All provisions of this article are applicable to this expansion unless expressly addressed
 18 in this section.

19 (g) The board is directed to report no less than quarterly to the Legislative Oversight
20 Commission on Health and Human Resources Accountability on the development,
21 implementation and progress of the expansion authorized in this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to qualify children of state employees, receiving income of \$25,000 per year or less, for the West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.