



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1416

January Session, 2001

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PLAN FOR THE PURCHASE OF
EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH INSURANCE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (a) The Commissioner of Social Services, in collaboration
2 with the Office of Health Care Access and the Office of Policy and
3 Management, shall prepare a plan for the purchase of employer-
4 sponsored health insurance for adults or children. The plan may
5 include, but shall not be limited to, recommendations on the following:
6 (1) A sliding scale of copremium subsidies for employees, their
7 spouses or children with a family income of up to three hundred per
8 cent of the federal poverty level; (2) minimum benefit standards for
9 participating employer-sponsored health plans; (3) the fiscal impact on
10 state spending, including anticipated reductions in other health-related
11 expenditures; (4) maximization of federal Title XXI allocations and
12 Medicaid reimbursement; (5) review of potential for appropriate
13 copremium subsidy during periods of unemployment; (6) strategies to
14 address the service wraparound for eligible recipients; (7)
15 infrastructure and resource requirements of implementation; (8)
16 assessment of the impact of applying the copremium subsidy plan to
17 enrollees of the HUSKY Plan, Part A and Part B; and (9) a timeline to
18 achieve implementation beginning January 1, 2003. The plan shall
19 provide the outline for appropriate waivers under Title XXI of the
20 Social Security Act to be submitted to the Health Care Financing
21 Administration not later than July 1, 2002.

22 (b) Not later than March 1, 2002, the commissioner shall submit
23 such plan to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
24 having cognizance of matters relating to human services, public health,
25 insurance and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

26 Sec. 2. The sum of five hundred thousand dollars is appropriated to
27 the Department of Social Services, from the General Fund, for the fiscal
28 year ending June 30, 2001, for the purposes of section 1 of this act.

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Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

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