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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT OF HUSKY PLAN, PART B
PREMIUMS THROUGH PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Employer" means a person, firm or corporation, engaged in
4 business who has one or more employees, including the state and any
5 political subdivision of the state; and

6 (2) "State funds" means any bond revenues or money appropriated
7 or allocated by the General Assembly.

8 (b) The state and any employer that (1) receives state funds, and (2)
9 has employees who are required to pay premiums in order to receive
10 benefits under the HUSKY Plan, Part B, as defined in section 17b-290
11 of the general statutes, shall, with the consent of an employee who
12 exercises such option, provide for the collection of HUSKY premiums
13 pursuant to section 17b-295 of the general statutes, as amended by this
14 act, through payroll deductions.

15 Sec. 2. Section 17b-295 of the general statutes is repealed and the
16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

17 (a) The commissioner shall impose cost-sharing requirements
18 including the payment of a premium or copayment in connection with
19 services provided under the HUSKY Plan, Part B, to the extent
20 permitted by federal law, and in accordance with the following
21 limitations:

22 (1) On and after October 1, 2003, the commissioner may increase the
23 maximum annual aggregate cost-sharing requirements provided that
24 such cost-sharing requirements shall not exceed five per cent of the
25 family's gross annual income. The commissioner may impose a
26 premium requirement on families, whose income exceeds one hundred
27 eighty-five per cent of the federal poverty level as a component of the
28 family's cost-sharing responsibility provided the family's annual
29 combined premiums and copayments do not exceed the maximum
30 annual aggregate cost-sharing requirement; and

31 (2) The commissioner shall require each managed care plan to
32 monitor copayments and premiums under the provisions of
33 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

34 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
35 commissioner may impose limitations on the amount, duration and
36 scope of benefits under the HUSKY Plan, Part B.

37 (2) The limitations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to
38 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not preclude coverage of any
39 item of durable medical equipment or service that is medically
40 necessary.

41 (c) The commissioner shall allow persons required to pay a
42 premium in connection with services under the HUSKY Plan, Part B to
43 pay such premiums through payroll deductions.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	17b-295

Statement of Purpose:

To require employers who receive state funds to offer a payroll deduction option to any employee paying premiums to maintain enrollment in HUSKY Plan, Part B as required by section 17b-295 of the general statutes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]