

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2285

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### As Passed Legislature

**Title:** An act relating to cost-sharing in medical programs.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing DSHS to establish cost-sharing requirements for recipients of medical programs.

**Sponsors:** By Representatives Sommers and Sehlin.

**Brief History:**

**First Special Session**

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 6/5/03, 73-24.

Passed Senate: 6/5/03, 31-14.

Passed Legislature.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

· Authorizes the Department of Social and Health Services to establish cost-sharing requirements for recipients of medical programs.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Majority/Minority Report:** None.

**Staff:** Amy Hanson (786-7118).

**Background:**

The Medical Assistance Administration, within the Department of Social and Health Services (Department), administers various health care programs for qualified, low-income people, including the Medicaid program, the children's health program, the limited casualty program, and other state-funded medical care services. The Medical Assistance Administration is authorized to establish copayment, deductible, or coinsurance requirements for recipients of these medical programs.

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**Summary of Bill:**

The bill clarifies that the Department is authorized to establish other cost-sharing requirements, which would include premiums, for recipients of medical assistance programs.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect July 1, 2003.

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** None.