
Health Care Committee

HB 2019

Brief Description: Revising provisions for nonsubsidized basic health plan coverage.

Sponsors: Representatives Cody, Morrell, Edwards, Santos and Dickerson.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires applicants for nonsubsidized Basic Health Plan coverage to be screened using the same instrument used in the individual market for persons applying for insurance coverage.

Hearing Date: 2/26/03

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

Individuals who apply for Basic Health Plan coverage must meet statutory eligibility standards in order to enroll in the program. Applicants are not required to be screened for health conditions as is the case when an individual applies for health insurance in the individual market.

Summary of Bill:

Individuals who apply for nonsubsidized Basic Health Plan coverage must first be screened using the same instrument used in the individual market for persons applying for insurance coverage. A person who fails the screen is eligible for coverage under the Washington State Health Insurance Pool.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on January 1, 2004.