

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2285

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 Sehlín.

Brief History:

First Special Session

Floor Activity:

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

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

Passed Legislature.

<h3>Brief Summary of Bill</h3>

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

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.

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.

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.