

Assembly Bill No. 2364

CHAPTER 452

An act relating to Medi-Cal.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2364, Negrete McLeod. Medi-Cal: study.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, administered by the State Department of Health Services, under which qualified low-income persons are provided with health care services.

This bill would require the Legislature to commission a study on how the administration of the Medi-Cal program might be simplified, with a focus on creating efficiency in the system, and reducing costs to the program, health care service plans, and health care providers. This bill would require that the study be conducted without the use of state funds and that the results be given to the office of the Legislative Analyst and to the appropriate health policy committees of the Legislature on or before January 1, 2004.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to determine ways to simplify the administration of the Medi-Cal program in order to encourage health care service plans and health care providers to participate at a time when funding for these providers is problematic.

(b) The Legislature shall commission a study on how the administration of the Medi-Cal program might be simplified without encouraging fraud or lessening the safeguards in place for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The study shall focus on creating efficiency in the system while reducing costs to the program, health care service plans, and health care providers in the short term and over the long term.

(c) As part of the process for conducting the study, the contractor shall consult with interested stakeholders with expertise in the administration of the Medi-Cal program, including those experts representing beneficiaries, providers, and local and state government.

(d) The study shall be conducted without the use of state funds.



(e) The results of the study shall be provided to the office of the Legislative Analyst and to the appropriate health policy committees of the Legislature no later than January 1, 2004.

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