

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1591

Introduced by Assembly Member Chan

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 14016.11 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1591, as introduced, Chan. Medi-Cal eligibility: Chappell Hayes Health Center.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services, pursuant to which medical benefits are provided to public assistance recipients and certain other low-income persons.

This bill would specify that there shall be a presumption of eligibility for Medi-Cal benefits for any patient at the Chappell Hayes Health Center at McClymonds High School in Oakland.

Under existing law, each county is responsible for determining Medi-Cal eligibility.

By changing existing duties of counties and imposing new duties, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations regarding the need for special legislation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 14016.11 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:

3 14016.11. There shall be a presumption of eligibility for
4 Medi-Cal benefits for any patient of the Chappell Hayes Health
5 Center at McClymonds High School in Oakland.

6 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
7 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
8 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
9 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
10 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

11 SEC. 3. Due to the unique circumstances of the patients at
12 Chappell Hayes Health Center at McClymonds High School in
13 Oakland with respect to Medi-Cal eligibility, the Legislature
14 hereby finds and declares that a general statute cannot be made
15 applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the
16 California Constitution. Therefore, the special legislation
17 contained in Section 1 of this act is necessarily applicable only to
18 patients at Chappell Hayes Health Center at McClymonds High
19 School in Oakland.