

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 961

Introduced by Assembly Member Hernandez

February 22, 2007

An act to amend Section 14005 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 961, as introduced, Hernandez. Medi-Cal: infants.

Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program, administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which basic health care services are provided to qualified low-income persons. The program is governed and funded, in part, by federal Medicaid provisions. Medi-Cal eligibility determinations are made by county welfare departments, in accordance with prescribed requirements.

This bill would provide that, notwithstanding any other provision of the Medi-Cal law or federal law, every child born in California to a parent who receives Medi-Cal benefits and services shall be automatically enrolled into Medi-Cal upon birth.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14005 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 14005. (a) The health care benefits and services specified in
- 4 this chapter, to the extent that ~~such~~ *those* services are neither
- 5 provided under any other federal or state law nor provided nor

1 available under other contractual or legal entitlements of the person,
2 shall be provided under this chapter to any person who is a resident
3 of this state and is made eligible by the provisions of this article.
4 It is the intent of the Legislature that a provider shall look to such
5 other contractual or legal entitlements for payment before
6 submitting a bill for payment under this chapter.
7 *(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or*
8 *federal law, every child born in California to a parent who receives*
9 *Medi-Cal benefits and services shall be automatically enrolled*
10 *into Medi-Cal upon birth.*

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