

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 68**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Waldron**

December 18, 2014

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An act to amend Section 14000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 68, as introduced, Waldron. Medi-Cal.

Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, and under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid Program provisions. Existing law provides that it is the intent of the Legislature to provide, to the extent practicable, for health care for those aged and other persons who lack sufficient annual income to meet the costs of health care, and whose other assets are so limited that their application toward the costs of care would jeopardize the person's or family's future minimum self-maintenance and security.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14000 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 14000. The purpose of this chapter is to afford to qualifying  
2 individuals health care and related remedial or preventive services,  
3 including related social services ~~which~~ *that* are necessary for those  
4 receiving health care under this chapter.

5 The intent of the Legislature is to provide, to the extent  
6 practicable, through the provisions of this chapter, for health care  
7 for those aged and other ~~persons~~ *individuals*, including family  
8 ~~persons~~ *members*, who lack sufficient annual income to meet the  
9 costs of health ~~care~~, *care* and whose other assets are so limited  
10 that their application toward the costs of ~~such~~ *that* care would  
11 jeopardize the ~~person~~ *individual's* or family's future minimum  
12 self-maintenance and security. It is intended that whenever possible  
13 and feasible:

14 (a) The means employed shall allow, to the extent practicable,  
15 *an eligible* ~~persons~~ *individual* to secure health care in the same  
16 manner employed by the public generally, and without  
17 discrimination or segregation based purely on ~~their~~ *his or her*  
18 economic disability. The means employed shall include an  
19 emphasis on efforts to arrange and encourage access to health care  
20 through enrollment in organized, managed care plans of the type  
21 available to the general public.

22 (b) The benefits available under this chapter shall not duplicate  
23 those provided under other federal or state laws or under other  
24 contractual or legal entitlements of the ~~person~~ *individual* or ~~persons~~  
25 *individuals* receiving them.

26 (c) In the administration of this chapter and in establishing the  
27 means to be used to provide access to health care to ~~persons~~  
28 *individuals* eligible under this chapter, the department shall  
29 emphasize and take advantage of both the efficient organization  
30 and ready accessibility and availability of health care facilities and  
31 resources through enrollment in managed health care plans and  
32 new and innovative fee-for-service managed health care plan  
33 approaches to the delivery of health care services.