An act to amend Section 14094.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to children’s services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 187, as introduced, Bonta. Medi-Cal: managed care: California Children’s Services program.

The California Children’s Services Program (CCS program) is a statewide program providing medically necessary services required by physically handicapped children whose parents are unable to pay for those services. The State Department of Health Care Services administers the CCS program. Counties, based on population size, are also charged with administering the program, either independently or jointly, with the department. The services covered by the CCS program include expert diagnosis, medical treatment, surgical treatment, hospital care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, special treatment, materials, and the supply of appliances and their upkeep, maintenance, and transportation. Funding for the program comes from county, state, and federal sources. In order to be eligible for the CCS program, an applicant must be under 21 years of age, have or be suspected of having a condition covered by the program, and meet certain financial eligibility standards established by the department.

Existing law prohibits services covered by the CCS program from being incorporated into a Medi-Cal managed care contract entered into after August 1, 1994, until January 1, 2016, except with respect to
contracts entered into for county organized health systems in specified counties.

The bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the CCS managed care contract provisions.


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

SECTION 1. Section 14094.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

14094.3. (a) Notwithstanding this article or Section 14093.05 or 14094.1, CCS covered services shall not be incorporated into any Medi-Cal managed care contract entered into after August 1, 1994, pursuant to Article 2.7 (commencing with Section 14087.3), Article 2.8 (commencing with Section 14087.5), Article 2.9 (commencing with Section 14088), Article 2.91 (commencing with Section 14089), Article 2.95 (commencing with Section 14092); or either Article 2 Article 1 (commencing with Section 14200), or Article 7 (commencing with Section 14490) of Chapter 8, until January 1, 2016, except for contracts entered into for county organized health systems or Regional Health Authority in the Counties of San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Solano, Yolo, Marin, and Napa.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, providers serving children under the CCS program who are enrolled with a Medi-Cal managed care contractor but who are not enrolled in a pilot project pursuant to subdivision (c) shall continue to submit billing for CCS covered services on a fee-for-service basis until CCS covered services are incorporated into the Medi-Cal managed care contracts described in subdivision (a).

(c) (1) The department may authorize a pilot project in Solano County in which reimbursement for conditions eligible under the CCS program may be reimbursed on a capitated basis pursuant to Section 14093.05, and provided all CCS program’s guidelines, standards, and regulations are adhered to, and CCS program’s case management is utilized.

(2) During the time period described in subdivision (a), the department may approve, implement, and evaluate limited pilot projects under the CCS program to test alternative managed care
models tailored to the special health care needs of children under
the CCS program. The pilot projects may include, but need not be
limited to, coverage of different geographic areas, focusing on
certain subpopulations, and the employment of different payment
and incentive models. Pilot project proposals from CCS
program-approved providers shall be given preference. All pilot
projects shall utilize CCS program-approved standards and
providers pursuant to Section 14094.1.
(d) For purposes of this section, CCS covered services include
all program benefits administered by the program specified in
Section 123840 of the Health and Safety Code regardless of the
funding source.
(e) Nothing in this section shall—This section shall not be
construed to exclude or restrict CCS eligible children from
enrollment with a managed care contractor, or from receiving from
the managed care contractor with which they are enrolled primary
and other health care unrelated to the treatment of the CCS eligible
condition.