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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 187

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonta

January 27, 2015

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 amended, Bonta. Medi-Cal: managed care: California Children's Services program.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care benefits. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid provisions. Existing law provides for a demonstration project, California's Bridge to Reform Section 1115(a) Demonstration, under the Medi-Cal program until October 31, 2015, to implement specified objectives, including improved health care quality and outcomes and maximization of opportunities to reduce the number of uninsured individuals.

Existing law provides for the department to enter into contracts with managed care systems, hospitals, and prepaid health plans for the provision of various Medi-Cal benefits. Existing law prohibits services covered by the California Children's Services program (CCS) 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.

This bill would extend the termination of the prohibition against CCS covered services being incorporated into a Medi-Cal managed care contract entered into after August 1, 1994, until the department has completed evaluations of specified pilot programs created as part of California’s Bridge to Reform Section 1115(a) Demonstration.

~~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.~~

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

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

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

- 1 *SECTION 1. Section 14094.3 of the Welfare and Institutions*
- 2 *Code is amended to read:*
- 3 14094.3. (a) Notwithstanding this article or Section 14093.05
- 4 or 14094.1, CCS covered services shall not be incorporated into
- 5 any Medi-Cal managed care contract entered into after August 1,
- 6 1994, pursuant to Article 2.7 (commencing with Section 14087.3),
- 7 Article 2.8 (commencing with Section 14087.5), Article 2.9
- 8 (commencing with Section 14088), Article 2.91 (commencing

1 with Section 14089), Article 2.95 (commencing with Section
2 14092); or either ~~Article 2~~ *Article 1* (commencing with Section
3 14200), or Article 7 (commencing with Section 14490) of Chapter
4 8, until ~~January 1, 2016~~, *the department has completed evaluations*
5 *of the CCS pilot programs created pursuant to subdivision (c) as*
6 *part of California's Bridge to Reform Section 1115(a)*
7 *Demonstration developed pursuant to Section 14180*, except for
8 contracts entered into for county organized health systems or
9 Regional Health Authority in the Counties of San Mateo, Santa
10 Barbara, Solano, Yolo, Marin, and Napa.

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

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

24 (2) During the time period described in subdivision (a), the
25 department may approve, implement, and evaluate limited pilot
26 projects under the CCS program to test alternative managed care
27 models tailored to the special health care needs of children under
28 the CCS program. The pilot projects may include, but need not be
29 limited to, coverage of different geographic areas, focusing on
30 certain subpopulations, and the employment of different payment
31 and incentive models. Pilot project proposals from CCS
32 program-approved providers shall be given preference. All pilot
33 projects shall utilize CCS program-approved standards and
34 providers pursuant to Section 14094.1.

35 (d) For purposes of this section, CCS covered services include
36 all program benefits administered by the program specified in
37 Section 123840 of the Health and Safety Code regardless of the
38 funding source.

39 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to exclude or
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