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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. January 1, 2017.~~

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 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
9 with Section 14089), Article 2.95 (commencing with Section
10 14092); or either Article 1 (commencing with Section 14200), or
11 Article 7 (commencing with Section 14490) of Chapter 8, until
12 ~~the department has completed evaluations of the CCS pilot~~
13 ~~programs created pursuant to subdivision (c) as part of California’s~~
14 ~~Bridge to Reform Section 1115(a) Demonstration developed~~
15 ~~pursuant to Section 14180, January 1, 2017,~~ except for contracts
16 entered into for county organized health systems or Regional
17 Health Authority in the Counties of San Mateo, Santa Barbara,
18 Solano, Yolo, Marin, and Napa.
19 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
20 providers serving children under the CCS program who are enrolled
21 with a Medi-Cal managed care contractor but who are not enrolled
22 in a pilot project pursuant to subdivision (c) shall continue to
23 submit billing for CCS covered services on a fee-for-service basis
24 until CCS covered services are incorporated into the Medi-Cal
25 managed care contracts described in subdivision (a).
26 (c) (1) The department may authorize a pilot project in Solano
27 County in which reimbursement for conditions eligible under the

1 CCS program may be reimbursed on a capitated basis pursuant to
2 Section 14093.05, and provided all CCS program’s guidelines,
3 standards, and regulations are adhered to, and CCS program’s case
4 management is utilized.

5 (2) During the time period described in subdivision (a), the
6 department may approve, implement, and evaluate limited pilot
7 projects under the CCS program to test alternative managed care
8 models tailored to the special health care needs of children under
9 the CCS program. The pilot projects may include, but need not be
10 limited to, coverage of different geographic areas, focusing on
11 certain subpopulations, and the employment of different payment
12 and incentive models. Pilot project proposals from CCS
13 program-approved providers shall be given preference. All pilot
14 projects shall utilize CCS program-approved standards and
15 providers pursuant to Section 14094.1.

16 (d) For purposes of this section, CCS covered services include
17 all program benefits administered by the program specified in
18 Section 123840 of the Health and Safety Code regardless of the
19 funding source.

20 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to exclude or
21 restrict CCS eligible children from enrollment with a managed
22 care contractor, or from receiving from the managed care contractor
23 with which they are enrolled primary and other health care
24 unrelated to the treatment of the CCS eligible condition.

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