

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 210

Introduced by Assembly Member Wildman

January 25, 1999

An act to add Article 3 (commencing with Section 49440) to Chapter 9 of Part 27 of the Education Code, relating to child health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 210, as introduced, Wildman. Health services billing: local educational agencies.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, administered by the State Department of Health Services, under which qualified low-income persons are provided with health care services. Under the Medi-Cal program certain services may be provided under the Medi-Cal program by local educational agencies.

Existing law also establishes the Healthy Families Program, to be administered by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, in order to arrange for the provision of health services to eligible children.

This bill would require, to the extent that federal financial participation is available, the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, no later than July 1, 2000, to establish a Healthy Families local education agency billing option, the purpose of which shall be to reimburse these agencies for local education agency-covered services provided to children receiving benefits under the Healthy Families Program.

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. Article 3 (commencing with Section
2 49440) is added to Chapter 9 of Part 27 of the Education
3 Code, to read:

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5 Article 3. Healthy Families Local Education Agency
6 Billing Option

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8 49440. To the extent that federal financial
9 participation is available, the Managed Risk Medical
10 Insurance Board shall, no later than July 1, 2000, establish
11 a Healthy Families local education agency billing option,
12 the purpose of which shall be to reimburse these agencies
13 for local education agency-covered services provided to
14 children receiving benefits under the Healthy Families
15 Program, provided for pursuant to Part 6.2 (commencing
16 with Section 12693) of Division 2 of the Insurance Code.

17 49441. For purposes of this article:

18 (a) Local educational agency shall have the same
19 meaning as that contained in subdivision (h) of Section
20 14132.06 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

21 (b) Covered services shall have the same meaning as
22 contained in subdivision (f) of Section 14132.06 of the
23 Welfare and Institutions Code.

24 49442. (a) The Managed Risk Medical Insurance
25 Board shall, by regulation, establish requirements
26 governing the billing option provided for pursuant to this
27 article, including local educational agency participation,
28 contracting, reimbursement rates, and submittal of
29 claims. The requirements shall be no more restrictive
30 than those imposed on local educational agencies
31 participating in the billing option provided for pursuant
32 to Section 14132.06 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
33 The Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board may,
34 however, adopt less restrictive requirements where
35 doing so would increase either local educational agency



1 or provider participation under the Healthy Families
2 Program, or access to local educational agency-covered
3 services.

4 (b) To the extent possible, procedures and forms used
5 pursuant to this article shall be the same as those used
6 pursuant to Section 14132.06 of the Welfare and
7 Institutions Code.

8 49443. Services provided at a schoolsite pursuant to
9 this article shall be closely coordinated with the child's
10 primary care provider or other treating physician.

11 49444. The Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board
12 shall establish an eligibility matching process to assist local
13 educational agencies in identifying children enrolled
14 under the Healthy Families Program.

15 49445. The Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board
16 may withhold from payments for any claims under this
17 section, necessary amounts to cover administrative and
18 processing costs covered by the State Department of
19 Health Services and the Managed Risk Medical Insurance
20 Board, not to exceed one percent of the amount payable
21 to the local educational agency submitting the claim.

22 49446. The Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board
23 shall file an amendment to the state child health plan
24 under Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act (42
25 U.S.C. Sec. 4901 et seq.) to allow receipt of federal funds
26 for local educational agency-covered services provided to
27 children enrolled under the Healthy Families Program.

28 49447. Nothing in this article shall be construed to
29 authorize health care service personnel to provide
30 services that are not within the scope of their licensure.

