

**Assembly Bill No. 1015**

CHAPTER 946

An act to add Section 12693.755 to the Insurance Code, relating to health care.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1015, Gallegos. Healthy Families: eligibility.

Existing law establishes the Healthy Families Program to arrange for the provision of health care services to children from low-income households. The program is administered by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board and is operated with federal financial participation under a federal program entitled the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Existing law continuously appropriates funds in the Healthy Families Fund to the board for purposes of the Healthy Families Program.

This bill would require the board, commencing July 1, 2001, to the extent federal financial participation is available and funds are appropriated specifically for this purpose, to expand eligibility under the Healthy Families Program to parents of uninsured children eligible under that program. It would provide that no appropriation would be made for this purpose from the Healthy Families Fund.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12693.755 is added to the Insurance Code, to read:

12693.755. (a) Subject to subdivisions (b) and (c), commencing July 1, 2001, the board shall expand eligibility under this part to uninsured parents of children eligible to receive coverage under this part.

(b) The board, in conjunction with the State Department of Health Services, shall seek any federal waivers necessary to implement subdivision (a).

(c) Subdivision (a) shall be implemented only to the extent that federal financial participation is obtained, and funds are appropriated specifically for this purpose. No appropriation shall be made for this purpose by Section 12693.96.

SEC. 2. The Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board may adopt emergency regulations to implement this act in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with



Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code). The initial adoption of emergency regulations and one readoption of the initial regulations shall be deemed to be an emergency and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, or general welfare. Initial emergency regulations and the first readoption of those regulations shall be exempt from review by the Office of Administrative Law. The emergency regulations authorized by this section shall be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law for filing with the Secretary of State and publication in the California Code of Regulations and shall remain in effect for no more than 180 days.

