

**HB 2455-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, to the extent that the administrator adopts, by rule, preexisting condition limitations as part of the benefit package, any such rule must allow an enrollee to credit a period of continued participation in a community-based program established to provide access to health services for uninsured persons against the time period of their preexisting conditions limitation. To receive a credit against a preexisting condition limitation period, the enrollee must have continuously participated in the community-based program for at least three months before submitting a basic health plan application. For the purposes of this provision, "community-based program established to provide access to health services to uninsured persons" means a program that refers low-income uninsured persons to health care providers and facilities who have agreed to provide health services without compensation or expectation of compensation to persons enrolled in the program.

Requires the administrator to provide a report on the impacts of this act to the governor and the health policy and fiscal committees of the legislature on or before November 15, 2009.