

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2285

As of June 4, 2003

Title: An act relating to cost-sharing in medical programs.

Brief Description: Authorizing DSHS to establish cost-sharing requirements for recipients of medical programs.

Sponsors: Representatives Sommers and Sehlin.

Brief History:

Staff: Tim Yowell (786-7435)

Background: Current law authorizes the Department of Social and Health Services to establish co-payment, deductible, and co-insurance requirements for participation in Medicaid and other state-funded medical programs. There is no explicit authority for other forms of participant cost-sharing, such as monthly premium payments, or annual enrollment fees.

Summary of Bill: The department is authorized to establish other cost-sharing requirements for recipients of medical assistance programs.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on July 1, 2003.