
Health Care Committee

HB 2376

Brief Description: Repealing cost-sharing in medical programs.

Sponsors: Representative Clibborn by request of Governor Gregoire .

Brief Summary of Bill

- The authority of the Department of Social and Health Services to impose cost sharing requirements, such as premiums, on recipients of medical care services is removed.

Hearing Date: 1/12/06

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

The Department of Social and Health Services is authorized to establish co-payment, deductible, co-insurance requirements, and other cost sharing requirements, such as premiums for participation in Medicaid and other state-funded medical programs.

Summary of Bill:

The ability of the Department of Social and Health Services to require cost-sharing requirements such as premiums for recipients of Medicaid and other state-funded medical programs is removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 5, 2006.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.