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2003 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1469

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1469

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 4, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		0.5 - 30.6
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sharon Renfro</i>			

Minutes:

Rep. Weisz appeared as prime sponsor with written testimony.

Rep. Niemeier asked if Rep. Weisz had investigated different policies. Answer: Yes

Rep. Porter referred to the Indiana model that Rep. Weisz mentioned and wanted to know being this is for a 36th month policy, would the waiver allow coverage in the 37th month? Yes

Rep. Amerman asked on long term care insurance if it was cheaper the younger you were? Yes

Rep. Potter had concerns with those that can afford vs. those that can't and having assets.

No Opposition.

Blaine Nordwall, Director of Economic Assistant on Policy for Dept. of Human Services appeared neutral on the bill with written testimony.

Rep. Price asked there was any study done on the 4 states that have done this have any impact as far as how many of those people ended up on Medicaid.

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Mr. Nordwall stated that anyone could become eligible by given their stuff away and so to the extent that long term care insurance paid for the care of people who would otherwise be eligible for Medicaid. Every dollar that was paid for out of those policies was a dollar saved for Medicaid.

Shelly Peterson, ND Long Term Care Assoc. appeared in support was asked to answer some questions of the committee regarding admissions now and what the average length of days are.

Answer: Today's admissions are less than 1 year and some facilities that are actually less than 30 days as compared to at least 3 years ago where the length of stay was 3 1/2 years. Generally our discharges were because of death and many of our discharges are now discharges to homes. So feels that 36 month coverage is adequate.

Closed hearing.

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1469

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-12-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	XX		9.6--25.9
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sharon Griffin</i>			

Minutes: **Chair Price:** Take up HB1469.

Rep. Weisz: Blaine Nordwall likes the bill now with the amendments. Explained amendments (tape mumbled at times--hard to pick up) There is no limit on assets. Indiana Plan had a dollar for dollar match. You can have unlimited assets protected. Section 2 is where this bill is dependent on waiver. The change is the start on the month you go into a home. Now, we have a 36 month look back for purposes of assets. You can give your assets away three years prior to going into a nursing home.

Rep. Neimeier: 19.0 We would still be under the three year rule? **Chair Price:** Yes

Rep. Wieland: If you already have a policy in effect, but it doesn't reach the \$150 per day benefit, then what?

Rep. Weisz: It is retroactive. You can increase your policy to meet qualifying standards. Your assets will not be protected any more then presently.

Rep. Sandvig: Does the 5 years only go if this bill passes?

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Rep. Weisz: If the bill passes and we get the waiver. Everyone gets the 5 year look back.

I move the amendments. Rep. Devlin: I second. Passed by voice vote.

Rep. Kreidt: Move a DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Rep. Pollert: I second.

VOTE: 13 YES 0 NO 0 ABSENT Rep. Weisz will carry the bill.

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FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
03/26/2003

Amendment to: HB 1469

1A. **State fiscal effect:** Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

Current law allows an individual who has purchased qualifying long-term care insurance to become eligible for Medicaid even though the individual has transferred assets that would otherwise disqualify eligibility. This bill would increase the requirements for qualifying long term care insurance. This change would not affect Medicaid expenditures for at least three years after its effective date. The fiscal impact of this bill after that period of time is underterminable.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:

A. **Revenues:** Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

B. **Expenditures:** Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

C. **Appropriations:** Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

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FISCAL NOTE
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02/14/2003

Amendment to: HB 1469

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This bill would also require the Department of Human Services to seek a change to the Medicaid State Plan that would require a waiver of applicable federal law. No such waiver has yet been granted by Federal authorities. Medicaid expenditures would be affected no earlier than thirty-six months after the granting of the required waiver. The fiscal impact of this bill after that period of time is underterminable.

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