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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3068

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 26, 2003

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sharon Penza</i>			

Minutes:

Rep. Niemeier appeared as prime sponsor handing out information and written testimony.

Rep. Price: Part of the reason that we went to the single application is that we thought we were losing some people and part of it was that some people don't like Medicaid and so we tried to go to an application that would encourage them to apply under CHIPS and if they were eligible for Medicaid that it would work for both. If we go back and try to take them apart again, are we going to go back to the same problem where people just don't apply?

Rep. Price: I understand your goal is to access as much of the federal dollars as we can, the higher percentage, but the only way I view us as having more children on CHIPS is to go back to that acquiring the asset test for the kids on Medicaid. We know some children move from CHIPS to Medicaid because of that, but we also felt that the asset test was a barrier for families applying because it was an 18 page application and there were a lot of those questions. If a child is eligible for Medicaid we can't put them on CHIPS regardless of what we want to do unless we

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go back to that old asset test again and we fought hard to get rid of that last time, is that something you are considering might be advisable?

Answer: If we increase the income eligibility level, there would be more children that would be eligible for CHIPS. That's why the study, to determine the cost effectiveness between those two programs.

Rep. Devlin: Have these in Trail County or wherever brought their concerns forward and if so, to whom and what happened?

Answer: Doesn't know for sure. They feel the combined application was done through the Legislative mandate and in talking to the social worker that she spoke with, didn't feel that their input was considered to the extent that they would have like it to. That's why I'm reopening this issue.

Rep. Price: The Outreach Group is very happy that there is only 1 application and its much shorter.

Wanda Rose, ND Children's Caucus appeared in support stating "what makes one more efficient than the other?", this resolution will get is that answer.

Dave Zentner, Director of Medical Services for Dept. of Human Services appeared neutral with written testimony. If we consolidate the process an eligibility is determined at the County level, all the information will flow to the counties and they will make the determination. The application will come in, the information will be entered into the system and will first look at Medicaid, if Medicaid isn't going to work then it will automatically go to Healthy Steps and the system will make the determination as to whether they are eligible.

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Rep. Price: About the only other way we'd address it is to pull all the eligibility into the State because as long as we are having two different sets of government working on it, we are always going to have a problem as far as coordination.

Answer: There certainly is an issue with that, that's why this whole issue is looked at about moving eligibility in division so we would have the tool necessary if we wanted to move forward to have one stop shopping for eligibility. Should really in one place or the other, County or State level.

Curt Volesky handed out the applications.

No opposition.

Rep. Price: Noted that the 4 page application was designed for Medicaid only. Mr. Zentner had addressed that sometimes its the fact that they want to find out if they are eligible for other programs at the same time and that is not what this is application is designed for.

Rep. Potter moved a motion for DO PASS and placed on the Consent Calendar, second by Rep. Niemeier.

Rep. Devlin: I can't support and feel its a duplicate of what we've already studied.

Rep. Price: Regarding letter from Traill County Social Service Board, they believe that there is still 2 Healthy Steps applications and their talking about Healthy Steps is actually an extension of Medicaid and its not. I'm wondering if we have an education issue with some of our eligibility workers, and not in just Traill County.

Rep. Amerman: Concerns with what goes on between the parties, the dialog between the counties and the agencies and it may not be as good as we assume, but there still must be a problem.

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Rep. Price: CHIPS has been interim study and they still meet with the Counties once or twice a month.

Rep. Wieland: It isn't the Social Service Directors and the Department that are having the problem, its the County Commissioners and the Department that are having the problem.

Rep. Price: Physicians get reimbursed more if they take CHIPS kids.

VOTE: 4 - 9 - 0 Motion Failed.

Rep. Devlin moved a DO NOT PASS, second by Rep. Kreidt.

VOTE: 9 - 4 - 0 Rep. Price will carry the bill.

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Date: February , 2003
Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3068**

House HUMAN SERVICES Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DP on Consent

Motion Made By Rep Potter Seconded By Rep Niemeier

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Clara Sue Price - Chair		✓	Rep. Sally Sandvig	✓	
Rep. Bill Devlin, Vice-Chair		✓	Rep. Bill Amerman	✓	
Rep. Robin Weisz		✓	Rep. Carol Niemeier	✓	
Rep. Vonnie Pietsch		✓	Rep. Louise Potter	✓	
Rep. Gerald Uglem		✓			
Rep. Chet Pollert		✓			
Rep. Todd Porter		✓			
Rep. Gary Kreidt		✓			
Rep. Alon Wieland		✓			

Total (Yes) 4 No 9

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep.

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

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Roll Call Vote #: 2

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Action Taken DNP

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Rep. Bill Devlin, Vice-Chair	✓		Rep. Bill Amerman		✓
Rep. Robin Weisz	✓		Rep. Carol Niemeier		✓
Rep. Vonnie Pietsch	✓		Rep. Louise Potter		✓
Rep. Gerald Uglem	✓				
Rep. Chet Pollert	✓				
Rep. Todd Porter	✓				
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Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Price

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 27, 2003 8:58 a.m.

Module No: HR-35-3548
Carrier: Price
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HCR 3068: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends DO NOT
PASS (9 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3068 was placed on
the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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