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Bill Analysis
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Reps. Barrett, Krupinski, Flannery, D. Miller, Patton, Roberts, R. Miller, Sullivan, Jones, Allen, Sykes, Britton

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Director of Job and Family Services to seek federal approval to amend the state Medicaid plan to expand eligibility to employed residential parents of children under 19 years of age whose family income does not exceed 150% of the federal poverty guidelines.
- Makes an appropriation.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The current biennial budget act (H.B. 283 of the 123rd General Assembly) required the Director of Job and Family Services to seek federal approval for an amendment to the state Medicaid plan to provide a two-year period of health care coverage for certain adults. Specifically, the budget act provision applies to any individual who is the parent of a child under 19 years of age, who resides with the child, and whose family income does not exceed 100% of the federal poverty guidelines. In addition, the individual cannot be eligible for Medicaid under any other provision of law and must satisfy any relevant requirements imposed by Department rules. (R.C. 5111.019, not in the bill.)

The bill further expands Medicaid eligibility for residential parents who have a child under 19 years of age. Under the bill, as long as the parent is employed and satisfies any relevant requirements imposed by Department rules, his or her family income can be up to 150% of the federal poverty guidelines. Eligibility for an individual who meets these conditions is indefinite, with no two-year limit on coverage. The Director of Job and Family Services is to seek federal approval for an amendment to the state plan to implement the bill's provisions and, if approval is granted, to implement it as soon as possible. (R.C. 5111.01 and 5111.014.)

The bill appropriates \$16,300,000 from the General Revenue Fund in FY 2001 to pay for the Medicaid expansion. The state share of this amount is \$6,751,460, and the federal share is \$9,548,540. (Section 3.)

COMMENT

The federal poverty guidelines for the year 2000 are:

Size of Family Unit	Income
1	\$ 8,350
2	11,250
3	14,150
4	17,050
5	19,950
6	22,850
7	25,750
8	28,650
For each additional person, add	2,900

HISTORY

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