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Senate Bill 754 (Substitute S-3 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Mark H. Schauer
Committee: Families and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Social Welfare Act to require the DCH, beginning October 1, 2007, to ensure that, as a condition of participation and funding, all health professionals, facilities, or HMOs receiving Medicaid payments were in substantial compliance with Federal standards for lead screening for children enrolled in Medicaid.

The bill would require the DCH to determine the Statewide average of lead screening tests being performed on Medicaid-enrolled children on October 1, 2007, to determine whether the rates were substantially in compliance with the bill's requirements. If the rate of Medicaid-enrolled children receiving lead screening tests was below 80%, the DCH Director would have to present to the Senate and House Health Policy committees a written report detailing why the rate was not in substantial compliance with the bill and Federally required standards, and DCH recommendations for improving the rate.

If the Statewide testing rate was not at least 80% for Medicaid-enrolled children by October 1, 2007, the DCH could use funds appropriated for Medicaid managed care or Medicaid fee for services to contract with community agencies to provide the tests needed to reach the 80% screening rate. A contracting organization that met or surpassed contract performance requirements would be entitled to share in financial bonuses awarded under the performance bonus program and receive at least 10% of the beneficiaries who did not voluntarily select a specific health plan at the time of managed care enrollment in addition to any other auto assignments to which the contracting organization was entitled.

Proposed MCL 400.111k

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

FISCAL IMPACT

The DCH would incur the costs associated with providing a written report to the House and Senate committees if the lead screening rates for Medicaid children fell below 80%. The DCH states that the necessary data are already being collected and the Department would use current staffing resources to monitor and analyze the data.

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