

Proposal for Legislation -- 2011

Re: HMK CHIP statute clean up

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1. What is the problem or issue?

I -155 is a voter initiative that passed in November 2008. Provisions in I-155 were drafted primarily to change the Montana Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), codified at Title 53, Chapter 4, Part 10. Provisions also affected Montana Children's Medicaid, which is codified as part of the Medicaid provisions in Title 53, Chapter 6. I-55 renamed both programs "Healthy Montana Kids (HMK) Plan." I-155 was codified in Title 53, Chapter 4, Part 10 and 11. There are ambiguities and conflicts in these code sections that have consequences to children enrolled in HMK.

In addition, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148, enacted March 23, 2010 and codified throughout Title 42 United States Codes, also referred to as health care reform, may impact these sections

2. What do you want the legislation to do?

Remove ambiguities and conflicts in CHIP, HMK and Children's Medicaid statutes.

3. If possible, please list the MCA (Montana Code Annotated) sections that would need to be amended.

Title 53, Chapter 4, Parts 10 and 11. Some sections of Title 53, Chapter 6.

4. If the proposed change requires additional funding, what funding sources do you propose?

None Required

5. Has similar legislation been requested in the past, been introduced in another state, or provided as a model act? If so, please provide a citation, reference, or point of contact.

Similar Legislation has not been requested.