

Amend CSHB 1 in Article II on pages II-75 by striking Rider No. 44 and substituting the following:

"44. Medicaid Reform Waiver. Contingent on findings that a Medicaid reform waiver is cost effective and feasible, the Health and Human Services Commission shall seek a Medicaid reform waiver or waivers from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The Medicaid reform waiver(s) should incorporate the following principles without reducing the health benefit plan for children's Medicaid:

(a) efficiently leverage state, local, federal and other funding to:

(1) increase state flexibility in its use of Medicaid funding;

(2) allow the state to be a more prudent purchaser and payer of health care;

(3) build on private market approaches and insurance-based premiums;

(4) reduce the state's uninsured through private market-based solutions and the expansion of Medicaid;

(5) promote the transition of consumers from public insurance to private insurance.

(b) support the increased personal planning and investments in long term care needs;

(c) support consumer empowerment and choice;]

(d) create incentives for healthier behaviors;

(e) align state policy and financial incentives by creating a more transparent, systematic, and efficient approach for allocating available funding within the health care system; and

(f) solicit broad-based stakeholder input.

Further it is the intent of the Legislature that Medicaid reform waiver(s) recognizes the unique needs of the state's rural providers, trauma centers, and primary care residency programs.