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TITLE: CONCERNING OUTDATED REFERENCES TO THE FEDERAL AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

Summary of Legislation

Prior to the federal welfare reform act of 1996, families and children receiving benefits through the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program were automatically eligible for Medicaid. Under the federal act, the AFDC eligibility link ended and eligibility became based on a person's income and resources. That said, the federal act required states to set Medicaid eligibility using the same eligibility criteria in place for AFDC as of July 16, 1996.

This bill eliminates all references to the former AFDC program. Additionally, it authorizes the state Medical Services Board to adopt rules for Medicaid eligibility for families and children using the same criteria in place pre-federal welfare reform, or to make adjustments in income and resources standards as allowed by federal law.

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

Assessment

The bill is assessed at having no fiscal impact. Its changes are largely technical in nature, removing references to an obsolete program and referencing the Colorado Works Program where necessary. The Medical Services Board is authorized to set income and resource standards for Medicaid that is compliant with federal law. People currently served in the Medicaid program will continue to be served.

Departments Contacted

Health Care Policy and Financing

Human Services