# JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING MEASURES TO EXPAND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Prime Sponsors:	Representative Acree
	Senator Boyd

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### <u>Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 02/22/11 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal</u> Note Was Prepared (Amended by the House Health and Environment Committee 02/24/11)

The Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note, dated February 22, 2011, was written for the strike-below amendment that was adopted by the House Health and Environment Committee on February 24, 2011. However, the House Health and Environment Committee further amended the strike-below amendment to remove a provision that allowed school-based health center grants to be used for rehabilitative services. Legislative Council Staff and Joint Budget Committee staff agree that this amendment does <u>not</u> change the fiscal impact delineated in the February 22, 2011 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note dated February 22, 2011.

### JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note



#### **Amendments/Appropriation Status**

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$215,889 total funds to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for Medical Services Premiums in FY 2011-12. Of this amount, \$107,945 is from the General Fund and \$107,945 is federal funds.

#### **Bill Sponsor Amendments**

Sponsor amendment **L.004** (attached) has the following provisions:

- (1) Strikes Sections 3 and 4 from the House Health and Environment Committee Report. Section 3 encouraged medical providers to deliver medical care, services, and goods to Medicaid recipients in nontraditional settings or locations and required the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to reimburse providers for such services. Section 4 redefined public employee to include health care practitioners providing services at rural health clinics.
- (2) The amendment also exempts the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing from having to file a commitment voucher with the State Controller's Office for contracts that the

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Department has with contractors who provide services to the Department's medical programs.

Amendment L.004 eliminates the fiscal impacts delineated in the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note dated February 22, 2011. Therefore, if the Committee adopts amendment L.004, the Committee should <u>not</u> adopt J.001.

#### **Points to Consider**

The general appropriations bill for FY 2011-12 has not yet been introduced. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$107,945 for FY 2011-12, reducing the amount of General Fund available for other existing programs. If the Committee adopts sponsor amendment L.004 this is no longer an issue.