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Sixty-ninth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

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LLS NO. 13-0484.01 Jerry Barry x4341

**SENATE BILL 13-008**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**McCann,**

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**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING ELIMINATION OF THE WAITING PERIOD FOR CHILDREN'S**  
102 **ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE CHILDREN'S BASIC HEALTH PLAN.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Under current law, a child is eligible for children's basic health plan benefits if he or she has not been on a comparable health plan with an employer paying at least 50% of the cost for at least 3 months. The bill eliminates this waiting period.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-8-109, **amend**

3 (1) as follows:

4 **25.5-8-109. Eligibility - children - pregnant women.** (1) To be  
5 eligible for a subsidy, a child must not ~~have currently nor in the three~~  
6 ~~months prior to application for the plan have been~~ BE insured by a  
7 comparable health plan through an employer, with the employer  
8 contributing at least fifty percent of the premium cost. Children who have  
9 ~~lost insurance coverage due to a change in or loss of employment shall~~  
10 ~~not be subject to the waiting period.~~

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12 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.