

Amendments to House Bill No. 364
3rd Reading Copy

Requested by Representative Rick Maedje

For the House Appropriations Committee

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1. Title, line 6.

Following: "CANADA;"

Insert: "PROVIDING THAT THE HEALTH AND MEDICAID INITIATIVES
SPECIAL REVENUE BE USED TO FACILITATE MAIL-ORDER PURCHASE OF
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS;"

2. Title, line 7.

Strike: "AND"

Insert: ", "

Following: "37-7-703,"

Insert: "AND 53-6-1201"

3. Page 3, line 9.

Insert: "Section 5. Section 53-6-1201, MCA, is amended to read:

"53-6-1201. Special revenue fund -- health and medicaid initiatives. (1) There is a health and medicaid initiatives account in the state special revenue fund established by 17-2-102. This account is to be administered by the department of public health and human services.

(2) There must be deposited in the account:

(a) money from cigarette taxes deposited under 16-11-119(1)(c); and

(b) money from taxes on tobacco products other than cigarettes deposited under 16-11-206(1)(b).

(3) This account may be used only to provide funding for:

(a) the state funds necessary to take full advantage of available federal matching funds in order to maximize enrollment of eligible children under the children's health insurance program, provided for under Title 53, chapter 4, part 10, and to provide outreach to the eligible children. The increased revenue in this account is intended to increase enrollment rates for eligible children in the program and not to be used to support existing levels of enrollment based upon appropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2005.

(b) a new need-based prescription drug program established by the legislature for children, seniors, chronically ill, and disabled persons that does not supplant similar services provided under any existing program or to facilitate mail order purchases

as provided in 37-7-703 and [section 1];

(c) increased medicaid services and medicaid provider rates. The increased revenue is intended to increase medicaid services and medicaid provider rates and not to supplant the general fund in the trended traditional level of appropriation for medicaid services and medicaid provider rates.

(d) an offset to loss of revenue to the general fund as a result of new tax credits or to fund new programs to assist small businesses with the costs of providing health insurance benefits to employees, if these tax credits or programs are established by the legislature after the effective date of this section.

(4) Until the programs or credits described in subsections (3)(b) and (3)(d) are established, the funding must be used exclusively for the purposes described in subsections (3)(a) and (3)(c).

(5) The phrase "trended traditional level of appropriation", as used in subsection (3)(c), means the appropriation amounts, including supplemental appropriations, as those amounts were set based on eligibility standards, services authorized, and payment amount during the past five biennial budgets.

(6) The department of public health and human services may adopt rules to implement this section."

{Internal References to 53-6-1201:

10-2-417 x 10-2-417 x 16-11-119 x 16-11-206x}"

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