

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2712

Ordered by the House May 13
Including House Amendments dated May 13

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK; Representatives DALTO, NELSON

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Prohibits Insurance Pool Governing Board from imposing period of uninsurance for applicant to qualify for Family Health Insurance Assistance Program if applicant's family includes dependent children.

Provides that Department of Human Services may not impose period of uninsurance for medical assistance under Oregon State Children's Health Insurance Program if individual applying for assistance is under 19 years of age, individual's family income is no more than specified amount and individual otherwise qualifies for medical assistance. Directs department to apply for federal approval to implement provision.

Declares emergency, effective *[on passage]* July 1, 2005.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to health insurance coverage for children; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2005 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 735.720 to**
5 **735.740.**

6 **SECTION 2. Notwithstanding ORS 735.720 (1)(c), the Insurance Pool Governing Board**
7 **may not impose a period of time during which an otherwise eligible individual has been**
8 **without health benefit plan coverage if the applicant's family includes dependent children**
9 **under 23 years of age.**

10 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2005 Act applies to applications to participate in the Family**
11 **Health Insurance Assistance Program submitted on or after the effective date of this 2005**
12 **Act.**

13 **SECTION 4. When an individual under 19 years of age whose family income is no more**
14 **than 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines qualifies for medical assistance under the**
15 **Oregon State Children's Health Insurance Program under Title XXI of the Social Security**
16 **Act, the Department of Human Services may not impose as a condition of eligibility a period**
17 **of time during which the individual has not been covered by private health insurance if the**
18 **individual is otherwise eligible for medical assistance.**

19 **SECTION 5. Section 4 of this 2005 Act applies to applications for assistance submitted**
20 **on or after the effective date of this 2005 Act.**

21 **SECTION 6. (1) No later than January 1, 2006, the Department of Human Services shall**
22 **apply for necessary federal approvals to implement section 4 of this 2005 Act.**

23 **(2) The department shall adopt rules implementing section 4 of this 2005 Act as soon as**
24 **practicable after receipt of the necessary approvals.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **SECTION 7. This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect**
3 **July 1, 2005.**

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