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Members of the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee
State Capitol
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Subcommittee Member:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires the Department of Health to update its State Plan and existing waivers for Medicaid when the State makes changes to the program. In accordance with these changes and reporting requirements of Subsection 26-18-3(3)(a), here is a summary of a recent change:

Presumptive Eligibility

The Department has transmitted a State Plan Amendment to end a pilot program for presumptive eligibility for children who are under 19 years old. This pilot program was used to help the State qualify for the federal CHIPRA bonus in 2012 and 2013. The pilot program itself did not prove to be effective.

This amendment does not affect annual appropriations for other medical assistance programs, and there is no cost shift to more expensive services for Medicaid recipients and their families.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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