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Sectional Analysis – Senate Bill 74

“An Act relating to permanent fund dividends; relating to a medical assistance reform program; establishing a personal health savings account program for medical assistance recipients; relating to the duties of the Department of Health and Social Services; establishing medical assistance demonstration projects; and relating to a study by the Department of Health and Social Services.”

Section 1: Allows recipients of medical assistance to have 10 percent of their annual permanent fund dividends deposited into a personal health savings account.

Section 2: Requires the Department of Health and Social Services (the department) to design and implement a medical assistance (Medicaid) reform program.

Section 3: Requires the department to develop and implement a personal health savings account program for recipients of medical assistance.

Section 4: Sunsets personal health savings accounts in Sections 1 and 3 and the medical assistance reform program in Section 2 on October 1, 2022.

Section 5: Required the department to develop a managed care demonstration project. The managed care program would be mandatory for individuals eligible for Denali Kidcare, and optional for other Medicaid recipients.

Section 6: Required the department to design and implement a demonstration project to reduce nonurgent use of emergency departments by Medicaid recipients.

Section 7: Requires the department to apply for a provider choice waiver if the waiver is necessary to implement portions of the medical assistance reform program established under Section 2.

Section 8: Requires the department to conduct a study analyzing the feasibility of privatizing certain services.

Section 9: Requires the department to amend the state Medicaid plan and apply for any waivers necessary to implement the projects and programs described in the bill.

Section 10: Sunsets Section 11 on October 1, 2022.

Section 11: Provides that Section 1-3 of the bill take effect only if the department certifies to the revisor of statutes, on or before October 1, 2017, that all of the provisions enacted by Sections 2, 3, 5 -7, and 9 of the bill have been approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.