

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB25

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 21, 2009
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Friend
One Liner: Provide for licensure of and medicaid payments to children's day health services

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Campbell, Gay, Gloor, Howard, Pankonin, Stuthman, Wallman
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:	Representing:
Senator Friend	Introducer
Terri Fitzgerald	Children's Respite Care Center
Bob Seiffert	Children's Respite Care Center
Danielle Ohlman	Children's Respite Care Center
Alison Baquero-Cruz	Children's Respite Care Center

Opponents:	Representing:
Vivianne Chaumont	Department of Health and Human Services

Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 25 relates to the licensure of children's day health services and payment for such services. The bill adds children's day health services as an optional Medicaid service (section 68-911) and requires the Department of Health and Human Services (department) to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations by January 1, 2010 to provide Medicaid payment for "all necessary and reasonable costs" for such services to eligible recipients (section 68-908).

The bill adds children's day health services to the list of social services which may be provided by the state under section 68-1202.

The bill provides for the licensure of children's day health services under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act (sections 71-401, 71-403). The bill defines a children's day health service as "a person or any legal entity which provides specialized care and an array of social, medical, rehabilitation, or other support services for a period of less than twenty-four consecutive hours in a community-based group program to four or more persons under twenty-one years of age who require such services due to medical dependence, birth trauma, congenital anomalies, developmental disorders, or functional impairment."

Children's day health services do not include services provided under the Developmental Disabilities Services Act. The bill adds children's day health services within the definition of "health care service" under the Health Care Facilities Licensure Act.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment (AM 589) strikes sections 1 to 3 of the bill relating to state reimbursement for children's day health services. The amendment revises the definition of children's day health services. As introduced, the bill defined such services as providing a community-based program for four or more persons under twenty-one years of age. The committee amendment raises the definitional threshold from four or more persons to twenty or more persons.

Tim Gay, Chairperson