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SENATE BILL

No. 18

Introduced by Senators ~~Hernandez and Leno~~ *Leno and Hernandez*

December 3, 2012

An act relating to Medi-Cal, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 18, as amended, ~~Hernandez~~ *Leno*. Medi-Cal renewal.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid Program provisions.

Existing law establishes the Healthcare Outreach and Medi-Cal Enrollment Account to collect and allocate non-General Fund public or private grant funds for expenditure, upon appropriation of the Legislature, for outreach to and enrollment of target Medi-Cal populations and to compensate Medi-Cal in-person assisters.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to accept contributions by private foundations in the amount of at least \$6,000,000 for the purpose of providing Medi-Cal renewal assistance payments, as specified. The bill would also appropriate \$6,000,000 from the Healthcare Outreach and Medi-Cal Enrollment Account, to be available for encumbrance or expenditure until December 31, 2016, and authorize the use of previously appropriated funds in that account for this purpose. The bill would require the department to seek federal

matching funds for the contributions to the extent permissible for training, testing, certifying, supporting, and compensating persons and entities providing renewal assistance and for any other permissible renewal assistance related activities, and to seek all necessary federal approvals for purposes of obtaining federal funding. *The bill would also require the department, in collaboration with the County Welfare Directors Association and legal services organizations, to develop renewal assistance training for employees of community-based organizations, as specified.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) (1) The State Department of Health Care
2 Services shall accept contributions by private foundations in the
3 amount of at least six million dollars (\$6,000,000) for the purpose
4 of providing Medi-Cal renewal assistance payments starting
5 January 1, 2015. These contributions shall be deposited in the
6 Healthcare Outreach and Medi-Cal Enrollment Account that has
7 been created in the Special Deposit Fund within the State Treasury
8 for the purposes specified in this section.

9 (2) Six million dollars is hereby appropriated to the State
10 Department of Health Care Services from the Healthcare Outreach
11 and Medi-Cal Enrollment Account for the purposes specified in
12 this section, to be available for encumbrance or expenditure until
13 December 31, 2016.

14 (3) The department may expend a portion of the five hundred
15 thousand dollars (\$500,000) authorized for expenditure in
16 subdivision (d) of Section 5 of Chapter 361 of the Statutes of 2013
17 to administer the activities described in this section. Private
18 foundation funding expended by the department to administer the
19 activities described in this section shall be expended only for filled
20 positions and administrative expenses directly related to this
21 section.

22 (b) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, and in a manner that
23 the Director of the State Department of Health Care Services shall
24 provide, the department may make allocations to fund Medi-Cal
25 renewal assistance activities as described in this section.

1 (2) The department may determine the number of allocations
2 and the application process. The director may consult or obtain
3 technical assistance from private foundations in implementation
4 of the application and allocation process.

5 (3) The director may, at his or her discretion, give consideration
6 to distributing funds to community-based organizations in an area
7 or region of the state if a ~~county~~, *county* or counties, acting jointly,
8 do not seek an allocation or *if* funds are made available.

9 (c) Renewal assistance payments shall be distributed to
10 community-based organizations providing renewal assistance to
11 Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Authorized payments shall be made to
12 counties by the department for distribution of funds to
13 community-based organizations. Counties may retain an amount
14 for administrative costs that have been approved by the department.

15 (d) The department, in collaboration with the County Welfare
16 Directors Association *and legal services organizations*, shall
17 develop renewal assistance training for employees of
18 community-based organizations that shall be consistent with the
19 counties' human services agencies Medi-Cal redetermination
20 timeframes and process. In order to be eligible for renewal
21 assistance payments under this section, the community-based
22 organization's employees providing the assistance shall have
23 completed the renewal assistance training developed under this
24 subdivision.

25 (e) (1) The funds allocated under this section shall be used only
26 for the Medi-Cal renewal assistance activities and may supplement,
27 but shall not supplant, existing local, state, and foundation funding
28 of county renewal assistance activities.

29 (2) Notwithstanding Section 10744 of the Welfare and
30 Institutions Code, the department may recoup or withhold all or
31 part of an allocation for failure to comply with any requirements
32 or standards set forth by the department for the purposes of this
33 section.

34 (f) The department shall require progress reports, in a manner
35 as determined by the department, from those receiving allocations
36 under this section.

37 (g) The department shall seek federal matching funds for the
38 contributions to the extent permissible for training, testing,
39 certifying, supporting, and compensating persons and entities
40 providing renewal assistance and for any other permissible renewal

1 assistance related activities and shall seek all necessary federal
2 approvals for purposes of obtaining federal funding for activities
3 conducted under this section.

4 (h) To the extent federal funding is received for the services
5 specified in this section, reimbursements for costs incurred under
6 the approved allocations shall be made in compliance with federal
7 law.

8 (i) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section
9 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code,
10 the department may implement, interpret, or make specific this
11 section by means of all-county letters, provider bulletins, or similar
12 instructions.

13 (j) This section shall cease to be implemented when all of the
14 private contributions and any federal matching funds have been
15 exhausted.

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