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SENATE BILL

No. 18

Introduced by Senators 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, 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 *and* \$6,000,000 *from the Federal Trust Fund*, 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 (2) *There is hereby appropriated to the State Department of*
 15 *Health Care Services the following sums for the purposes specified*
 16 *in this section:*

17 (A) *The sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) from the*
 18 *Healthcare Outreach and Medi-Cal Enrollment Account, to be*
 19 *available for encumbrance or expenditure until December 31,*
 20 *2016.*

21 (B) *The sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) from the Federal*
 22 *Trust Fund, to be available for encumbrance or expenditure until*
 23 *December 31, 2016.*

24 (3) The department may expend a portion of the five hundred
 25 thousand dollars (\$500,000) authorized for expenditure in

1 subdivision (d) of Section 5 of Chapter 361 of the Statutes of 2013
2 to administer the activities described in this section. Private
3 foundation funding expended by the department to administer the
4 activities described in this section shall be expended only for filled
5 positions and administrative expenses directly related to this
6 section.

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

11 (2) The department may determine the number of allocations
12 and the application process. The director may consult or obtain
13 technical assistance from private foundations in implementation
14 of the application and allocation process.

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

19 (c) Renewal assistance payments shall be distributed to
20 community-based organizations providing renewal assistance to
21 Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Authorized payments shall be made to
22 counties by the department for distribution of funds to
23 community-based organizations. Counties may retain an amount
24 for administrative costs that have been approved by the department.

25 (d) The department, in collaboration with the County Welfare
26 Directors Association and legal services organizations, shall
27 develop renewal assistance training for employees of
28 community-based organizations that shall be consistent with the
29 counties' human services agencies Medi-Cal redetermination
30 timeframes and process. In order to be eligible for renewal
31 assistance payments under this section, the community-based
32 organization's employees providing the assistance shall have
33 completed the renewal assistance training developed under this
34 subdivision.

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

39 (2) Notwithstanding Section 10744 of the Welfare and
40 Institutions Code, the department may recoup or withhold all or

1 part of an allocation for failure to comply with any requirements
2 or standards set forth by the department for the purposes of this
3 section.

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

7 (g) The department shall seek federal matching funds for the
8 contributions to the extent permissible for training, testing,
9 certifying, supporting, and compensating persons and entities
10 providing renewal assistance and for any other permissible renewal
11 assistance related activities and shall seek all necessary federal
12 approvals for purposes of obtaining federal funding for activities
13 conducted under this section.

14 (h) To the extent federal funding is received for the services
15 specified in this section, reimbursements for costs incurred under
16 the approved allocations shall be made in compliance with federal
17 law.

18 (i) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section
19 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code,
20 the department may implement, interpret, or make specific this
21 section by means of all-county letters, provider bulletins, or similar
22 instructions.

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