

1 (a) Upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
2 Services, the board shall implement a program for uninsured
3 children of state employees, as defined by subdivision (3), section
4 two, article sixteen of this chapter, or the children of any other
5 person employed in this state whose annual income is \$25,000 a
6 year or less.

7 (b) The benefit plans offered pursuant to this section shall
8 include services determined to be appropriate for children, but may
9 vary from those currently offered by the board.

10 (c) The board shall structure the benefit plans for this
11 expansion to include premiums, coinsurance or copays and
12 deductibles. The board shall develop the cost-sharing features in
13 such a manner as to keep the program fiscally stable without
14 creating a barrier to enrollment. These features may include
15 different cost-sharing features within this group based upon the
16 percentage of the federal poverty level.

17 (d) Any provision in this chapter to the contrary
18 notwithstanding, children covered by West Virginia State Employee
19 Health Insurance are eligible for coverage under this expansion; in
20 which instance this expansion shall be a complement to or a
21 supplement to the gaps in coverage provided for a child under a
22 parent's West Virginia State Employee Health Insurance plan.

23 (e) Provider reimbursement schedules shall be no lower than
24 the reimbursement provided for the same services under the plans

1 offered in article sixteen of this chapter.

2 (f) All provisions of this article are applicable to this
3 expansion unless expressly addressed in this section.

4 (g) The board is directed to report no less than quarterly to
5 the Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources
6 Accountability on the development, implementation and progress of
7 the expansion authorized in this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to qualify children of state employees and any other person employed in this state whose annual income is \$25,000 a year or less for the West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.