



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1326

behavioral health; dependent children; reporting

Purpose

Continues required quarterly reports regarding children in the Comprehensive Medical and Dental Program (CMDP) and children in foster care.

Background

Established in 1970, CMDP is the health plan responsible for ensuring, in partnership with foster care providers, the provision of appropriate and quality health care services for the wellbeing of Arizona's children in foster care (A.R.S. § 8-512).

Laws 2013, Chapter 220 requires the Department of Health Services to prepare and issue a quarterly financial and program accountability trends report to the Governor, certain members of the Legislature, the Director of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) and the Director of the Governor's Office of Strategic Budgeting and Planning (OSPB). The report is required to use outlined accountability factors by geographic service areas for children enrolled in CMDP, including: 1) the number and percentage of children in CMDP who have received behavioral health services as specified; 2) the number of new behavioral health cases that are opened each month, that remain open from the current and previous months and that have been closed each month; 3) the type of behavioral health services the children received and the related costs; and 4) the number of notices of action received and notice of appeals filed and related information.

Additionally, Laws 2013, Chapter 220 requires the Department of Economic Security (DES) to issue a quarterly financial and program accountability trend report to the Governor, certain members of the Legislature, the Directors of JLBC and OSPB outlining the following accountability factors by county: 1) the number and percentage of children in foster care and who are Title XIX-eligible; 2) the number of new Title XIX-eligible children cases that are opened, that remain open and that have been closed; and 3) the amount of non-title XIX expenditures by service type used by DES to supplement the behavioral health services received through the regional behavioral health authorities (RBHAs). Both reporting requirement ended December 31, 2015.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

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Provisions

1. Requires the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System to continue issuing the quarterly report regarding children enrolled in the CMDP until December 31, 2018.
2. Requires the Department of Child Safety to continue issuing the quarterly report regarding the Title XIX-eligible children in foster care until December 31, 2018.
3. Makes technical changes.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date, retroactive to December 31, 2015.

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