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**SENATE BILL 20-033**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING ACCESS TO THE MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM FOR**  
102              **CERTAIN WORKING ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES WHO HAVE**  
103              **BECOME INELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM DUE TO AGE, AND, IN**  
104              **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill authorizes working adults with disabilities who are over 65 years of age to continue participating in the existing medicaid buy-in program as a state-funded program, without federal matching money, if,

*Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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in part, the working adult:

- ! Is enrolled in or has applied for medicare;
- ! Is eligible for and receiving long-term care home- and community-based services or durable medical equipment as part of complex rehabilitative services or has extraordinary medical expenses, as determined by rule of the state board, that are not covered by medicare;
- ! Except as specified in the bill, was continuously enrolled in and receiving services through the medicaid buy-in program for at least one year immediately prior to attaining 65 years of age; and
- ! Continues to meet the work requirements for the medicaid buy-in program.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-6-1402, add (6)**  
3 **as follows:**

4 **25.5-6-1402. Definitions. As used in this part 14, unless the**  
5 **context otherwise requires:**

6 **(6) "WORK INCENTIVES ELIGIBILITY GROUP" MEANS THE**  
7 **CATEGORY OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE FEDERAL "BALANCED BUDGET ACT**  
8 **OF 1997", PUB.L. 105-33, 111, AS AMENDED, FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH A**  
9 **DISABILITY WHO, EXCEPT FOR ASSETS OR INCOME, WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR**  
10 **THE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM. THIS ELIGIBILITY**  
11 **APPLIES TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.**

12 **SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-6-1403, add (5)**  
13 **as follows:**

14 **25.5-6-1403. Waivers and amendments. (5) (a) THE STATE**  
15 **DEPARTMENT SHALL SEEK FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION THROUGH AN**  
16 **AMENDMENT TO THE STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PLAN TO IMPLEMENT**  
17 **THE FEDERAL "BALANCED BUDGET ACT OF 1997", PUB.L. 105-33, 111, AS**  
18 **AMENDED, WHICH PROVIDES INDIVIDUALS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY INTO**

1 MEDICAID CONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT", 42  
2 U.S.C. SEC. 1396a (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII), AS AMENDED, TO PERMIT THE  
3 STATE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY TO  
4 INDIVIDUALS IN THE WORK INCENTIVES ELIGIBILITY GROUP, AGE  
5 SIXTY-FIVE AND OLDER, AFTER THEY ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE UNDER THE  
6 FEDERAL "TICKET TO WORK AND WORK INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT ACT  
7 OF 1999", PUB.L. 106-170.

8 (b) IN ADDITION TO SUBMITTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE  
9 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PLAN PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS  
10 SECTION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A STATE PLAN  
11 AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1902(r)(2) OF THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL  
12 SECURITY ACT" TO USE LESS RESTRICTIVE INCOME AND RESOURCE  
13 METHODOLOGIES TO MATCH THE INCOME, HOUSEHOLD, AND ASSET LEVELS  
14 OF THE MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM FOR IMPLEMENTATION NO LATER THAN  
15 JULY 1, 2021.

16 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-6-1404, **amend**  
17 **(1)(a); and repeal (4) as follows:**

18 **25.5-6-1404. Medicaid buy-in program - eligibility - premiums**  
19 **- medicaid buy-in cash fund - report. (1) Eligibility.** An individual is  
20 eligible for and shall receive medicaid provided in this part 14 through a  
21 medicaid buy-in program without losing eligibility for medicaid if all of  
22 the following conditions are met:

23 (a) The individual meets the requirements for the basic coverage  
24 group or the individual was previously in the basic coverage group and  
25 now meets the requirements for the medical improvement group, OR THE  
26 INDIVIDUAL WAS PREVIOUSLY IN THE BASIC COVERAGE GROUP AND NOW  
27 MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WORK INCENTIVES ELIGIBILITY

1 GROUP:

2 (4) Private health insurance. (a) The state department shall, on  
3 behalf of an individual who is eligible for medicaid under subsection (1)  
4 of this section, pay premiums for or purchase individual coverage offered  
5 by the individual's employer if the state department determines that  
6 paying the premiums or purchasing the coverage will be less than  
7 providing medicaid coverage. Any employer-sponsored health insurance  
8 plan shall be the primary payer, and any payments made under medicaid  
9 shall be secondary. In the event that the employer-sponsored health  
10 insurance plan provides benefits that are not equivalent to the benefits  
11 provided under medicaid, medicaid shall provide all additional benefits  
12 that are not provided by the employer-sponsored health insurance plan.

13 (b) If an individual is eligible for medicaid under subsection (1)  
14 of this section and the individual's employer would pay for all or a portion  
15 of the individual's private insurance, the state department may accept  
16 contributions from the individual's employer to offset part of the cost of  
17 providing services pursuant to this section.

18 SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-6-1405, amend  
19 (2) as follows:

20 25.5-6-1405. Rule-making authority. (2) Any rules adopted by  
21 the state board shall be MUST consistent with the federal "Ticket to Work  
22 and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999", Pub.L. 106-170, AND  
23 THE "BALANCED BUDGET ACT OF 1997", PUB.L. 105-33, 111, AS  
24 AMENDED.

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1           **SECTION 5. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2020-21 state fiscal  
2           year, \$50,000 is appropriated to the department of health care policy and  
3           financing for use by the executive director's office. This appropriation is  
4           from the general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this  
5           appropriation for general professional services and special projects.

6           (2) For the 2020-21 state fiscal year, the general assembly  
7           anticipates that the department of health care policy and financing will  
8           receive \$50,000 in federal funds to implement this act. The appropriation  
9           in subsection (1) of this section is based on the assumption that the  
10          department will receive this amount of federal funds, which is subject to  
11          the "(I)" notation as defined in the annual general appropriation act for the  
12          same fiscal year.

13           **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
14          determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
15          preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.