

STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SENATE
Senate Resolution No. 152
Offered by Senator Dave Syverson

WHEREAS, Public Law 105-33 established in Subtitle J, the State Children's Health Insurance Program which provides federal funding to states to create programs to provide health insurance for low-income uninsured children; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 90-736, effective August 12, 1998, created the Illinois Children's Health Insurance Program Act and the Illinois program known as KidCare; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Children's Health Insurance Program Act directs the Illinois Department of Public Aid to provide a program of health benefits and health insurance rebates for children in families with incomes at or below 185% of the federal poverty level and for pregnant women and their infants with incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, Presently, there are 153,024 children and pregnant women enrolled in the children's health insurance program; and

WHEREAS, While the Illinois State Senate has demonstrated its commitment to the health of the children of the State of Illinois we have a further obligation to these same children to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the KidCare program; and

WHEREAS, Like young children, the KidCare program is due for a "check-up" and "physical evaluation"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that pursuant to the Illinois State Auditing Act, the Illinois State Senate directs the Auditor General to conduct a program and management audit of the Illinois Department of Public Aid's KidCare program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Auditor General, in the course of the program and management audits, is directed to specifically audit and evaluate the following:

1. The Department of Public Aid's compliance with federal and State laws, the State of Illinois' Children's Health Insurance Plan submitted to the Health Care Finance Administration, and rules, regulations and policies adopted by the Department of Public Aid;
2. The Department of Public Aid's adherence to eligibility requirements, including evaluating the eligibility of enrolled children, whether or not the Department enrolls children for benefits prior to verification of eligibility for benefits, the Department's practice of allowing for onetime encounter enrollments, and the Department's adherence to income verification procedures;
3. The effectiveness of the Department's marketing strategies, including the effectiveness of bid and no-bid outreach contracts, broadcast and print advertising and other outreach advertising mechanisms targeted to increase enrollment in the program and the correlation between each strategy and the number of children enrolled that are attributed to that specific contract or strategy;

4. The compliance and effectiveness of all KidCare outreach contracts issued by the Department of Public Aid since the creation of the KidCare program including the amounts of the contracts, the bid status of the contracts, the terms of the contracts, the responsibilities outlined in the contracts, the fulfillment of the contractors' responsibilities, and verification of required contract documentation;
5. The application and enrollment process to ensure that the families of enrolled children have properly completed applications, which include all proof of information and documentation required pursuant to the KidCare application;
6. Summarize and compare the socio-economic profile of applicants and enrolled children and their families based on information required on the application form;
7. Evaluate the efficiency of the process by which monthly paper eligibility cards are issued to enrollees;
8. Evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the eligibility redetermination process;
9. Using recognized public health standards, compare the overall health of enrolled children with the overall health of (i) privately insured children of the same socio-economic status and (ii) uninsured children of the same socio-economic status; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Auditor General shall report his findings to the Illinois General Assembly by July 1, 2002; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this preamble and resolution be presented to the Auditor General and the Director of the Department of Public Aid.

Adopted by the Senate, May 24, 2001.



President of the Senate



Secretary of the Senate