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## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Bill: Senate File 313  
Committee: Human Resources  
Floor Manager: Representative Linda Miller  
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### Medicaid and IowaCare Policy Revisions

Senate File 313 is the Department of Human Services' proposal for policy changes for the Medicaid and IowaCare programs. Changes to IowaCare reflect revisions to the state's IowaCare waiver, which were agreed to by the Department and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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### Summary of Action

**Initial Senate Action** – The Senate **ADOPTED** Senate File 313 on a vote of 50-0 on March 7, 2011.

**Committee Action** – The Human Resources Committee **PASSED** Senate File 313 on a vote of 18-0 on March 17, 2011.

**Initial House Action** – The House **ADOPTED** Senate File 313, as amended, on a vote of 95-1 on April 25, 2011.

**Further Senate Action** – The Senate **AMENDED and ADOPTED** Senate File 313 on a vote of 49-0 on April 27, 2011.

**Further House Action** – The House **ADOPTED** Senate File 313, as amended, on a vote of 90-0 on June 27, 2011.

**Final Action** – The Governor **SIGNED** Senate File 313 on July 26, 2011.

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### Section by Section Analysis

**Section 1** – The section amends Iowa Code section 8A.504 (1) (c) (1) to clarify that unpaid premiums for IowaCare and the Medicaid for employed people with disabilities program (MEPD) are considered “qualifying debts” and subject to the state’s debt setoff procedures.

**Section 2** – The section amends Iowa Code section 217.34 to clarify that unpaid premiums for IowaCare and the Medicaid for employed people with disabilities program (MEPD) are considered “qualifying debts” and subject to the state’s debt setoff procedures.

**Section 3** - The section amends Iowa Code section 249A.3 (2) (a) (1) to clarify that any unpaid premium for the MEPD program is a debt owed to the Department of Human Services.

**Section 4** – The section amends Iowa Code section 249J.6 (2) (b) to clarify that a person enrolled in IowaCare that refuses to have a physical or other preventative procedure does not negatively impact the calculation of incentive payments to IowaCare medical home providers.

**Section 5** – The section amends Iowa Code section 249J.6 (3) to allow IowaCare enrollees getting care through the regional provider network to use the IowaCare nurse helpline.

**Section 6** – The section amends Iowa Code section 249J.7 (1) (c) to allow IowaCare patients to receive secondary level care from Broadlawns Medical Center. Expanding the counties that can seek treatment at Broadlawns will be done as part of the phase-in of the regional provider network.

**Section 7** – The section amends Iowa Code section 249J. 8 (1) by making several changes to the financial participation requirements of the IowaCare program. The section raises the income threshold for participation from 100 percent to 150 percent of poverty. Premiums are to be paid by the last day of the month.

The section changes the language regarding re-enrollment in IowaCare, by striking from the requirement of timely payment of premiums that it also includes arrearages accrued from prior enrollment. A participant who has not paid their premium within 60 days of the due date is subject to being dis-enrolled. Finally, language is added to clarify that any unpaid premium is a debt owed to the Department of Human Services.

**Section 8** – The section extends the date by which all children in Medicaid are to have a dental home. The section extends this from December 31, 2011 to July 1, 2013.

**Section 9** – The section amends Iowa Code section 249J.24A (1) to revise the rules for non-participating hospitals to be compensated for care provided to IowaCare enrollees.

**Section 10** – The section amends Iowa Code section 249J.24A (2) (a) to revise the list of services that non-participating hospitals can be compensated for providing to IowaCare enrollees.

**Section 11** – The section amends Iowa Code section 514I.5 (3) to clarify that a majority of voting members of the HAWK-I Board constitutes a quorum.

**Section 12** – The section provides the Department of Human Services with the ability to explore options for developing alternate sites for the IowaCare regional provider network. This provides a mechanism for the Department to address those parts of the state that do not have a Federally-Qualified Health Clinic.