



SENATE BILL 159: State Health Plan Administrative Changes.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:		Date:	December 8, 2021
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Jason Moran-Bates Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	S.L. 2021-125		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2021-125 makes technical and clarifying changes to the State Health Plan. This act became effective August 30, 2021.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of the act requires the Board of Trustees to approve all State Health Plan (SHP) contracts with a value exceeding \$3,000,000. Currently the Board must approve contracts with a value exceeding \$500,000.

Section 2 of the act eliminates the prohibition on dependent children being eligible for coverage under the SHP if they are eligible on another employer-based health insurance, except for a parent's claim. It also continues coverage for disabled dependent children past the children's 26th birthday as long as they were covered on their 26th birthday. Verification of disability must be provided to the plan no later than 60 days after the 26th birthday. Disabled children are also eligible for coverage as dependents, even if they were also eligible for coverage as employees or retired employees.

Section 3 of the act gives the Executive Administrator of the SHP the sole authority to determine whether internal appeals are subject to external review. If the appeal is not subject to external review, the Executive Administrator has the authority to issue a binding decision on the matter. This section also makes conforming changes to the contested case provisions of Chapter 150B.

Sections 4 and 5 make technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective August 30, 2021.

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