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**S 1042. AUTHORIZE MEDICAID HMO.** Filed 3/20/07. *TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, TO ESTABLISH A PILOT MEDICAID HMO PROGRAM.*

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance (DHHS) to develop a pilot program in four areas of the state to offer Medicaid services through an HMO. Requires DHHS to solicit program applications from HMOs across the state and specifies the selection criteria to be used by DHHS in selecting the four regions. Requires DHHS to report by May 1, 2008, on the selection and establishment of the four pilot programs to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division. Additionally requires DHHS to include in its report participation levels and the feasibility of expanding the HMO Medicaid model to other areas of the state. Effective July 1, 2007.

**Intro. by Rand.**

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