

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-first Legislature Second Regular Session - 2012

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1326

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-2307, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING SECTION 33-2308, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A TERMINATION DATE FOR THE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TREATMENT TO PERSONS SUFFERING FROM RENAL DISEASES, TO PROVIDE FOR MEDICAID RESTRICTIONS AND TO CLARIFY WHO MAY RECEIVE CERTAIN ASSISTANCE; REPEALING SECTIONS 33-2307 AND 33-2308, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO RENAL DISEASES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, PROVIDING RETROACTIVE APPLICATION AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 33-2307, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

33-2307. ~~CARE OF~~ TERMINATING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS SUFFERING FROM RENAL DISEASES -- LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature of Idaho to ~~insure the establishment of a~~ terminate the program for the care and treatment financial assistance of persons suffering from chronic renal diseases. This program shall cease to assist persons suffering from chronic renal diseases who require lifesaving care and treatment for such renal disease, but who are unable to pay for such services on a continuing basis effective July 1, 2013. Prior to the stated termination date, individuals currently receiving services through the program shall continue to receive services in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. However, no new individuals, including those individuals on a waiting list to receive services, shall be approved to receive services through the program.

SECTION 2. That Section 33-2308, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

33-2308. ~~ESTABLISHMENT~~ TERMINATION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TREATMENT TO PERSONS SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC RENAL DISEASES. The board for professional-technical education shall ~~establish a~~ terminate the vocational rehabilitation program to provide treatment to persons suffering from chronic renal diseases, including dialysis and other medical procedures and techniques which will have a lifesaving effect in the care and treatment of persons suffering from these diseases effective July 1, 2013. The board shall extend financial assistance to persons currently enrolled in the program suffering from chronic renal diseases to assist such persons in obtaining the medical, nursing, pharmaceutical, technical and other services necessary to care for such diseases, including financial assistance for the rental or purchase of home dialysis equipment and supplies, the payment of medical insurance premiums and patient travel expenses through June 30, 2013. ~~Provided that~~ For the duration of the program's exis-

1 ~~tence,~~ the board shall not provide financial assistance to such persons for
 2 expenses that are covered by medicare or medicaid. Through June 30, 2013,
 3 ~~t~~The board shall promulgate rules that establish standards for determining
 4 eligibility for ~~care and treatment~~ financial assistance under this program
 5 in order that ~~treatment~~ financial assistance shall be provided to those who
 6 are financially unable to obtain such ~~treatment~~ services without causing
 7 severe economic imbalance in the family economic unit. ~~Such standards shall~~
 8 ~~be established without reference to maximum or minimum income levels.~~

9 SECTION 3. That Section 33-2307, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
 10 repealed.

11 SECTION 4. That Section 33-2308, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
 12 repealed.

13 SECTION 5. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
 14 declared to exist, Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be in full force and
 15 effect on and after its passage and approval, and retroactively to July 1,
 16 2011. Sections 3 and 4 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and af-
 17 ter July 1, 2013.