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SENATE BILL NO. 726

Offered January 24, 2000

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 32.1-46.1 and 32.1-326.4, relating to lead-poisoning prevention.

Patrons—Lambert; Delegates: Baskerville, Crittenden, Drake and Ingram

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 32.1-46.1 and 32.1-326.4 as follows:

§ 32.1-46.1. Lead-poisoning prevention; memorandum of agreement between the Department of Health and the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

The Commissioner of Health or his designee and the director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services or his designee shall develop and execute a memorandum of agreement relating to the prevention of lead poisoning, particularly among children. The memorandum of agreement shall be revised on a periodic basis as necessary. The agreement shall include, but need not be limited to, (i) requirements for regular and consistent communications and consultations between the two departments and other relevant state and local personnel and officials; (ii) a specific and concise description of the Board of Health's regulations and the standards and guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for elevated blood-level testing and lead-poisoning prevention; (iii) data sharing for the more efficient and effective delivery of services; and (iv) assignment of the specific responsibilities of the two state departments for reaching the goal of eliminating lead poisoning by 2010, including provisions addressing environmental investigations to determine the source of lead, required testing by Medicaid providers on a recommended schedule, education of Medicaid providers in the proper follow-up testing, and care coordination of patients with lead poisoning.

§ 32.1-326.4. Lead-poisoning prevention; memorandum of agreement between the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of Health.

The Director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services or his designee and the Commissioner of Health or his designee shall develop and execute a memorandum of agreement relating to the prevention of lead poisoning, particularly among children. The memorandum of agreement shall be revised on a periodic basis as necessary. The agreement shall include, but need not be limited to, (i) requirements for regular and consistent communications and consultations between the two departments and other relevant state and local personnel and officials; (ii) a specific and concise description of the Board of Health's regulations and the standards and guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for elevated blood-level testing and lead-poisoning prevention; (iii) data sharing for the more efficient and effective delivery of services; and (iv) assignment of the specific responsibilities of the two state departments for reaching the goal of eliminating lead poisoning by 2010, including provisions addressing environmental investigations to determine the source of lead, required testing by Medicaid providers on a recommended schedule, education of Medicaid providers in the proper follow-up testing, and care coordination of patients with lead poisoning.

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