HOUSE-SENATE APPROPRIATIONS HEALTH AND WELFARE BRB COMPARISON

Arizona Department of Administration

- 1. As permanent law, define eligible dependents for the state employee health insurance program as a spouse, a child under the age of 19, or a child under the age of 23 if a full-time student, beginning October 1, 2009.
- 2. As session law, continue to prohibit implementation of a differentiated health insurance premium in FY 2010 based on the integrated or non-integrated status of the provider, beginning October 1, 2009.

AHCCCS

- 3. Eliminate the Temporary Medical Coverage Program.
- 4. As permanent law:
 - Creates liability for "knowingly" presenting a false claim for medical assistance;
 - Sets penalty for filing a false claim;
 - Permits third party to bring action for false claim and sets conditions for state to dismiss actions;
 - If the state pursues an action brought by a third party, establishes the percent of the proceeds to be awarded to the third party;
 - Allows a civil action to be brought up to 6 years after the date of the violation occurred; and
 - Requires annual report by Attorney General on the number of cases filed by their office by third
 parties under the False Claims Act.
- 5. As permanent law, require AHCCCS to verify third party liability before paying any medical claims. Requires AHCCCS to enter into an agreement by January 1, 2010 to ensure that the state is the payor of last resort for all medical services provided by AHCCCS. (Senate only)
- 6. As permanent law, eliminate the KidsCare Parents Program.
- 7. As permanent law, reduce eligibility of the KidsCare Children program to families making less than 150% FPL for any new applicants. (Senate only)
- 8. As permanent law, eliminate dentures as a covered service.
- 9. As permanent law, exclude AHCCCS from the ambulance provider rates set by DHS.
- 10. As session law, do not adjust inpatient or outpatient hospital fee schedule by inflation.
- 11. As session law, implement 5% reimbursement rates reduction. The Senate BRB also stipulates that no individual rate may be reduced by more that 5%.
- 12. As session law, set county ALTCS contributions at \$262,889,400.
- 13. As session law, set the County Acute Care contribution at \$51,711,900. This amount includes an inflation indexing of the Maricopa County contribution as required by Laws 2005, Chapter 328.
- 14. As session law, continue to exclude Proposition 204 administration costs from county expenditure limitations, retroactive to June 30, 2004.
- 15. As session law, establish FY 2010 disproportionate share distributions to the Maricopa County Hospital District, the Arizona State Hospital, and private qualifying disproportionate share hospitals.
- 16. As session law, require the collection of \$2,646,200 in DUC pool contributions from counties other than Maricopa. Exclude these contributions from county expenditure limitations, retroactive to June 30, 2004.
- 17. As session law, change 50/50 split for revision of excess appropriations in ALTCS to 60 counties/40 state in FY 2009 and FY 2010 to ensure compliance with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FMAP provisions.
- 18. As permanent law, eliminate the state's contribution of 50% of the ALTCS growth upon expiration of the enhanced federal matching rate authorized by the recent federal stimulus legislation. (Senate only)

Arizona Biomedical Research Commission

19. Repeal the previously enacted appropriation for the Public Regenerative Tissue Repository.

Department of Economic Security

- 20. As session law, permit DES to reduce income eligibility levels for all child care programs. Require report to JLBC within 15 days of change in levels.
- 21. As permanent law, require recipients of TANF Cash Benefits to pass a drug test in order to be eligible for benefits. (Senate only)
- As session law, suspend the transfer of Lottery revenue to DES for homeless shelter and services, and deposit the money in the General Fund.
- 23. As permanent law, enact conforming changes associated with the elimination of the General Assistance program in Laws 2009, 1st Special Session, Chapter 1.

Department of Health Services

- As permanent law, delete requirement that there be a poison control center affiliated with the University of Arizona. This provision deletes a conflict with Laws 2009, 1st Special Session, Chapter 1 which requires an RFP to select one poison control center statewide.
- 25. As session law, continue to require Maricopa and Pima Counties and all cities to pay 86% and remaining counties 50% of cost of Restoration to Competency treatment in FY 2010.
- 26. As permanent law, amend A.R.S. § 36-550.01 by removing the requirement that the Department of Health Services plan and provide statewide community residential treatment programs. (Arnold v. Sarn) (Senate only)
- 27. As permanent law, define "indigent" for Seriously Mentally Ill as being below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level. (Senate only)