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#### DIGEST

Proposed law defines "unique provider of health services for catastrophically ill children" and "Pediatric."

Proposed law provides that DHH shall provide coverage and reimbursement to a unique provider of health services for catastrophically ill children to the same extent that it would provide coverage for services furnished within the boundaries of the state and shall insure that reimbursement to such institution shall be equal to the reimbursement rate of in-state children's hospital for pediatric care.

Proposed law provides that DHH shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the APA, and take such other actions as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Effective August 15, 2009.

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