

HCS HB 665 -- AMINO ACID-BASED ELEMENTAL FORMULAS (Franklin)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Children and Families

This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to provide coverage through state and federal appropriations for amino acid-based elemental formulas, meaning formulas made from single nonallergenic amino acids for children under 19 years of age with a medical diagnosis of immunoglobulin E and nonimmunoglobulin E mediated allergies to multiple food proteins, food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome, eosinophilic disorders, and impaired absorption of nutrients caused by disorders affecting the absorptive surface, functional length, and motility of the gastrointestinal tract. Assistance must be provided to applicants under 19 years of age who meet the diagnosis qualifications under these provisions and applicants 19 years of age and older who meet the diagnosis qualifications under these provisions and whose income is 300% of the Federal Poverty Level or below. For these applicants, the department must establish a sliding scale of fees and monthly premiums to be paid in order to receive assistance under these provisions.