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SB-806

AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR TREATMENT OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	at least	See Below
		\$250,000	
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Revenue	at least	See Below
	Gain	\$125,000	

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with expanding coverage of emergency Medicaid services and requiring DSS to establish an administrative system for individuals to apply in advance for emergency Medicaid coverage by 7/1/26.

DSS will incur administrative costs of at least \$250,000 in FY 26 to establish a registration system for individuals with qualifying emergency medical conditions that can be treated in outpatient settings rather than in hospital emergency departments. These costs are anticipated to be funded under Other Expenses and eligible for federal reimbursement, resulting a federal grants revenue gain of at least \$125,000.

The fiscal impact of expanding the definition of emergency medical condition cannot be determined at this time. For context, the state currently spends approximately \$27.5 million on emergency Medicaid

services (representing a 50% share of total expenditures), which are generally emergent in nature and include outpatient dialysis for individuals with end-stage renal disease. Emergency Medicaid coverage is available to all individuals, regardless of immigration status, who meet Medicaid income and asset limits.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the utilization and coverage of services under emergency Medicaid.