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HB-6687

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN
AND ADULTS WITHOUT HEALTH CARE COVERAGE.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 10542)

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 22 \$ | FY 23 \$ | FY 24 \$ |
|------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Social Services, Dept. | GF - Cost | 500,000 | 4,250,000 | 11,900,000 |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Sections 1 and 3 result in a state cost of approximately \$700,000 in FY 23 and \$4.1 million in FY 24 to support the cost of providing medical assistance for children ages eight and under with household incomes up to 323% of the federal poverty level (FPL), regardless of immigration status. This assumes coverage of approximately 1,900 children at an average annual cost of \$2,200 per person.

Section 2 results in a state cost of approximately \$750,000 in FY 23 and \$5 million in FY 24 associated with providing twelve months of postpartum services to women with incomes up to 263% FPL, regardless of immigration status. This assumes coverage of approximately 1,400 women at an average annual cost of \$3,600 per person.

Section 4 results in a state cost of approximately \$500,000 in FY 22 and \$2.8 million in FY 23 associated with providing coverage for prenatal services to women with incomes up to 263% FPL, regardless of immigration status. This assumes coverage of approximately 1,400

women at an average annual cost of \$2,000 per person and reflects 65% federal reimbursement available under HUSKY B through the unborn child option.

Section 5, which requires the Office of Health Strategy in consultation with various agencies and the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange to study the feasibility of expanding healthcare coverage to certain groups, has no fiscal impact as the agencies have the expertise necessary to do so.

Section 6 allows but does not require DSS to seek a state innovation waiver, which has no fiscal impact. To the extent the agency pursues the 1332 waiver, it could incur additional costs.

House "A" strikes the language in the underlying bill and the associated impact and results in the fiscal impact described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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Sources: Department of Social Services Caseload Information
Migration Policy Institute (unauthorized immigrant population data for CT)