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SB-280

AN ACT CONCERNING NATUROPATHS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	At least \$100,000	At least \$100,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to amend the Medicaid state plan to include Medicaid coverage for services provided by licensed naturopaths for adults 21 years and older, which results in a cost to the state of at least \$100,000 per fiscal year. The total cost will be dependent on utilization rates of these services by adults 21 years and older.

For context, these services are already covered by Medicaid for children under the age of 21. In CY 2021, children utilized approximately 2,800 units of service resulting in gross Medicaid costs of \$194,500.

The Out Years

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

Sources: Department of Social Services Caseload Information

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