

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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sSB-82

AN ACT ELIMINATING INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS FOR THE  
MED-CONNECT HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR  
WORKING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with eliminating the annual income limit (\$75,000) and asset limit (\$10,000 for individuals and \$15,000 for married couples) for purposes of eligibility for MED-Connect.

The number of individuals eligible under the bill's expansion is unknown. The cost is driven by (1) the number of individuals able to remain on the program who otherwise would exceed the income or asset limit over time, (2) the number of newly-eligible individuals whose income or assets are above the current threshold, and (3) the income level of those above 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL, \$29,160 annually for a household of one) who would pay a premium to partially off-set their costs.

For context, there are approximately 3,700 individuals enrolled in the program, 950 of which make more than 200% FPL and have a premium obligation. The average state Medicaid cost per person is approximately \$3,800 annually.

***The Out Years***

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