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

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

Cost

The amendment strikes the language in the underlying bill and the associated fiscal impact.

The amendment results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) due to doubling the income and asset limits for purposes of eligibility for MED-Connect. The income threshold is increased from \$75,000 to \$150,000 per year and asset limits are increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for individuals and \$15,000 to \$30,000 for married couples. The number of individuals eligible under the amendment's expansion is unknown. The cost of the expansion is driven by the number of individuals able to remain on the program who otherwise would exceed the asset limit over time, the number of newly-eligible individuals whose assets are above the current threshold, and 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.

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