

HB 1578-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to including certain children and pregnant people in Medicaid and the children's health insurance program.

SPONSORS: Rep. Schapiro, Ches. 16; Rep. Marsh, Carr. 8; Rep. Espitia, Hills. 31; Rep. Sykes, Graf. 13; Rep. Berch, Ches. 1; Rep. Knirk, Carr. 3; Rep. Mangipudi, Hills. 35; Rep. Wazir, Merr. 17; Rep. Perez, Hills. 23; Rep. Toll, Ches. 16; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to submit state plan amendments under Medicaid and CHIP to provide coverage to children and pregnant people lawfully residing in the United States.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT relative to including certain children and pregnant people in Medicaid and the children's health insurance program.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Inclusion of Certain Children and Pregnant People in Medicaid and the
2 Children's Health Insurance Program. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting after section 4-h the
3 following new section:

4 126-A:4-i Inclusion of Certain Children and Pregnant People in Medicaid and the Children's
5 Health Insurance Program. Pursuant to Section 214 of the Children's Health Insurance Program
6 Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), no later than January 1, 2023, the commissioner of the
7 department of health and human services shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
8 Services (CMS) the state plan amendments required under Medicaid and the Children's Health
9 Insurance Program (CHIP) to expand coverage to otherwise eligible pregnant people and children
10 who are lawfully residing in the United States. The state plan amendments shall elect the option for
11 children up to age 19 and shall elect the option for pregnant people through the postpartum period.

12 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 1578-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$440,000 - \$473,000 (50% state general funds, 50% federal funds)	\$440,000 - \$473,000 (50% state general funds, 50% federal funds)	\$440,000 - \$473,000 (50% state general funds, 50% federal funds)
Funding Source:	☒ General federal funds. ☐ Education ☐ Highway ☒ Other - Matching			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit Medicaid State Plan amendments to expend coverage to otherwise eligible pregnant people and children up to age 19 who are lawfully residing in the United States. The Department has consulted its contracted actuaries as well as an academic expert in order to make the following projections, which are based on a variety of assumptions regarding takeup rate, immigrants' lawful status, and other factors:

- The total cost of expanding coverage to immigrant non-infant children is expected to be approximately \$220,000 per year, of which half will be state general funds and half will be matching federal funds.
- The total cost of expanding coverage to immigrant infants is expected to be between \$34,000 and \$43,000 per year, of which half will be state general funds and half will be matching federal funds.
- The total cost of expanding coverage to immigrant pregnant women is expected to be between \$186,000 and \$210,000 per year, of which half will be state general funds and half will be matching federal funds.

It is assumed any fiscal impact will begin in FY23.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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