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SB-327

AN ACT EXPANDING EMERGENCY MEDICAID COVERAGE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	at least \$250,000	See Below
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Gain	at least \$125,000	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 expanding coverage of emergency Medicaid services and requiring DSS to establish an administrative system for individuals to apply in advance for emergency Medicaid coverage by 7/1/27.

DSS will incur administrative costs of at least \$250,000 in FY 27 to establish a registration system for individuals with qualifying emergency medical conditions that can be treated in outpatient settings rather than in hospital emergency departments. These costs are anticipated to be eligible for federal reimbursement, resulting in a federal grants revenue gain of at least \$125,000.

The fiscal impact of expanding the definition of emergency medical condition cannot be determined at this time. For context, the state currently spends approximately \$30 million on emergency Medicaid services (representing a 50% share of total expenditures), which are

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generally emergent in nature and include outpatient dialysis for individuals with end-stage renal disease. Emergency Medicaid coverage is available to all individuals, regardless of immigration status, who meet Medicaid income and asset limits.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the utilization and coverage of services under emergency Medicaid.