



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

Bill #	SB0007	Title:	Revise Medicaid application process
Primary Sponsor:	Caferro, Mary	Status:	As Amended in Senate Committee

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2014</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2015</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2016</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: This bill requires the Department of Public Health and Human Services to maintain an eligibility determination process where application for Medicaid assistance may be made through the use of an online application, as well as in any local office of public assistance. There is no fiscal impact to the department as a result of this bill.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. This bill requires that the application for assistance for Medicaid benefits be available through the use of an online application, as well as in any local office of public assistance. The department provides an application process through local offices of public assistance and has an existing on-line application for Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits applications.
2. The existing application process, both paper and on-line, requests information that is required by federal and state laws that is necessary to make an eligibility determination for benefits. The on-line application allows for submission of electronic documentation by the applicant, stores the application and supporting documentation in an electronic document management system, and allows for electronic signature by the applicant.
3. The eligibility determination system used in the eligibility determination process uses interfaces to existing databases that the agency has legal authority to access for purpose of eligibility determination. These systems are:

- a. The Social Security Administration has a database that the department has access to for the collection and verification of applicant information for social security number and citizenship;
 - b. The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services Child Support Enforcement Division has a system (SEARCHS) that the department has access to for the verification of child support income;
 - c. The Montana Department of Labor and Industry has a system (MISTICS) that the department has access to for the verification of unemployment income;
 - d. The Montana Department of Revenue has a system (ORION) that the department has access to for the verification of property resources; and
 - e. The Montana Department of Justice has a system (MERLIN) that the department has access to for the verification of vehicle resources.
4. Notification to applicants on eligibility determination is made through the eligibility determination system.
 5. The department will provide an oral report to the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Committee by April 1 of each even-numbered year through 2016 on the progress of the use of online applications in the application and eligibility determination process. It is assumed the information to be provided in the oral report will be available without additional cost to the department.

Technical Notes:

1. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) contains mandatory requirements for Medicaid eligibility determination processes, and interoperability with a federally facilitated exchange. ACA may change eligibility determination processes and requirements that the department must follow. However, federal requirements are not finalized. This fiscal note excludes any potential changes that will occur due to ACA.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date