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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Barnett; Van Beber Sen. Jaquez Lewis	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **ADOPTIVE PARENTS PAYMENTS TO OUTSIDE PROVIDERS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No Fiscal Impact.** This bill allows adoptive parents to enter into an agreement with a medical provider to pay for medical services that are not covered by the child's Medicaid benefit. This bill does not affect the revenue or expenditures of any state or local government and has been assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, Medicaid clients may choose to enter into agreements with providers to pay for services not covered by Medicaid. This bill allows adoptive parents of children in a subsidized adoption program to enter into an agreement with a medical provider to pay for medical services that are not covered by the child's Medicaid benefit. Parents must not seek reimbursement for these services under the Adoption Assistance Program or the Medical Assistance Program, and must not include associated costs during adoption assistance subsidy negotiations with county departments. The bill also requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to seek any federal authorization necessary under the Medical Assistance Program to enact stipulations within the bill.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

Allowing adoptive parents to pay for medical services will not affect state or local revenue and expenditures. This fiscal note assumes that additional services allowed by the bill will come from non-enrolled Medicaid providers, that providers enrolled in Medicaid will continue to provide services to individuals and receive reimbursement under current Medicaid practices, and that HCPF will not need to seek federal authorization for stipulations within the bill. Therefore, this bill has been assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 7, 2021.

State and Local Government Contacts

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Health Care Policy and Financing

Information Technology

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