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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: CONTINUITY OF HEALTH-CARE COVERAGE CHANGE

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill places network requirements on carriers who newly cover a person as a result of the person’s disenrollment from a previous plan. The bill may increase state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

If person is disenrolled from their health plan and starts receiving coverage from a new carrier for an existing course of treatment that meets select criteria, the bill requires the new carrier to cover the treatment as an in-network benefit for up to 90 days.

State Expenditures

The bill may increase state expenditures in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) and may increase workload in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA).

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. HCPF operates the Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+). To the extent that the bill requires HCPF to charge in-network rates for out-of-network treatments for CHP+ members, expenditures will increase. The potential impact is limited by the similar networks for Medicaid and CHP+ clients and that the bill restricts the requirement to the first 90 days. Any increase will be adjusted through the annual budget process.

Department of Regulatory Agencies. To the extent that the bill results in additional complaints being filed or additional complaints resulting in disciplinary action, workload may increase in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). Given current compliance with network requirements, this impact is expected to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing

Regulatory Agencies

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).