

Dear Rep. Houghton,

Below are the fiscal estimates for the respective Medicaid coverage expansions we briefly reviewed with the committee yesterday.

Expand coverage for 19- and 20 -years-old

Our review of the Medicaid Eligibility Categories by age indicates that approximately 900 individuals age out of Medicaid when they turn 19 due to the income limit differential (317% to 138%) between children and adult eligibility.

To cover 19- and 20-years-old with income up to 317% we estimate would add 1,800 individuals to our caseload.

The cost for these individuals is at a blended child and adult rate, net of the cost of the 400 of these individuals who get assistance and are covered by a QHP thru Vermont Health Exchange.

The estimated annual cost is \$7.35m gross of which \$3.1m is the GF required match.

The implementation cost to add this new category is \$600k gross of which \$180k is GF required.

Expand Medicaid Coverage for Pregnancy up to 317% FPL

We estimate 657 (80%) of the 821 births projected to households between 212% and 317% FPL would enroll for coverage under Medicaid. Some of individuals will retain commercial coverage but enroll for the secondary coverage to save out of pocket expenses for deductibles, copays and coinsurance. We reviewed the actual costs of births current covered by Medicaid as well adult pmpm rates for the year of post-partum coverage.

The first-year cost is estimated at \$5.7m gross of which \$2.4m is the GF required match.

The fully annualized cost is estimated at \$9.0m gross of which \$3.8m is the GF required match.

The implementation cost to add this new category is \$600k gross of which \$180k is GF required.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Best
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