



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Facilitate Access to the MaineCare Family Planning Benefit

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. McCreight of Harpswell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Potential loss of federal funding - Federal Expenditures Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The presumptive eligibility language in the bill could increase costs to the Department of Health and Human Services as new individuals could apply and receive MaineCare eligibility. As it is unknown how many individuals would become eligible who would not have applied for eligibility without the presumptive eligibility determination from the provider, no fiscal estimate of these costs can be provided at this time. Also, this bill could potentially violate federal regulations under 42 U.S.C. 1396r-1, which outlines the timing and requirement of presumptive eligibility for states, providers and presumptively eligible pregnant women. This violation could lead to a loss of federal funding.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services for development of the single application form and rule-making are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.