

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 896****LR 993(01)****An Act to Provide Young Children Stable Access to Health Care****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill****Sponsor: Sen. Carney of Cumberland****Committee: Health and Human Services****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,423,279	\$3,423,279	\$3,423,279
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,423,279	\$3,423,279	\$3,423,279
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$4,790,763	\$4,790,763	\$4,790,763
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$0	\$1,069,270	\$1,069,270	\$1,069,270
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$4,790,763	\$4,790,763	\$4,790,763
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$0	\$1,069,270	\$1,069,270	\$1,069,270

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Health and Human Services will require ongoing annual General Fund appropriations of \$3,423,279 beginning in fiscal year 2026-27 to provide continuous eligibility to a child from birth through 5 years of age who enrolls in Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program. Federal Expenditures Fund and Federal Block Grant Fund allocations will also be required for the FMAP match. Given the waiver application deadline of December 31, 2025 to provide the continuous coverage included in the bill, the estimate assumes a start date of July 1, 2026.