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FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Tate

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Bill Status: Senate Appropriations
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BILL TOPIC: HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE FOR MEDICAID ELIGIBLE

Summary of Legislation

As amended by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, this bill requires the board of Connect for Health Colorado to provide information to the public about the process for an individual who is eligible for Medicaid to purchase a health benefit plan from an insurer participating in the state's health exchange.

Background

Connect for Health Colorado is the state's health insurance exchange established in response to federal health care reform under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Through Connect for Health Colorado, consumers can shop for health insurance and determine eligibility for federal tax subsidies for the purchase of health insurance or other public health programs. Under the ACA, states may establish state-based health insurance exchanges or participate in a federally operated health exchange.

Medicaid is a joint state-federal program that provides health coverage primarily to low-income individuals and persons with disabilities. Currently, individuals eligible for Medicaid cannot purchase subsidized health insurance via Connect for Health Colorado.

Statutory Public Entity Impact

This bill will increase costs for Connect for Health Colorado to update its promotional materials regarding Medicaid-eligible individuals purchasing a health benefit plan via the exchange. These costs are estimated at \$15,000 for FY 2016-17. The fiscal note assumes these costs will be paid using existing revenue sources to Connect for Health Colorado, including fees charged to health insurers, donations through the premium tax credit deduction, grants, and other sources.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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