



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 25-1162: ELIGIBILITY REDETERMINATION FOR MEDICAID MEMBERS

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to streamline Medicaid reenrollment for individuals with stable incomes and to simplify the medical documentation process for assessing long-term care needs.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Minimal State Workload

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

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**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

<b>Type of Impact</b>	<b>Budget Year FY 2025-26</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2026-27</b>
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

## Summary of Legislation

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Currently, for members receiving Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS), the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) collects medical information to verify eligibility at least once a year, but may reassess any time there is a change in medical condition. Under the bill, by December 31, 2026, HCPF is required to update the medical information form used to assess LTSS to reduce the number of medical questions required to be answered by the member's doctor, and to require the form to be signed by a doctor who has a bona fide physician-patient relationship with the member.

Currently, HCPF collects income information once a year to verify that Medicaid members are still financially eligible for services. Under the bill, by July 1, 2028, HCPF must seek federal authorization to allow automatic Medicaid reenrollment for members whose income consists only of Social Security or other stable sources. HCPF, in consultation with Medicaid members and advocacy groups, is required to define what qualifies as stable income or assets. If a member's income or assets remain unchanged since their initial verification, reenrollment will not require additional verification or checks against federal data sources.

## State Expenditures

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HCPF is currently in the process of implementing the provisions of the bill, including working with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on fixed income determinations. As a result, the bill minimally increases workload in HCPF to ensure this work is completed. This impact is expected to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

## Effective Date

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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

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Health Care Policy and Financing