

FISCAL NOTE

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2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Identifier (file name): **SB013-DHSS-PAFS-02-24-09** Dept. Affected: **Health & Social Services**
Title: **Medical Assistance Eligibility** RDU: **Public Assistance**
Component: **Public Assistance Field Services**
Sponsor: **Davis**
Requester: **Senate HSS** Component Number: **236**

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

| | Appropriation Required | Information | | | | | |
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| | FY 2010 | FY 2010 | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 | FY 2014 | FY 2015 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 134.4 | | 134.4 | 134.4 | 134.4 | 134.4 | 134.4 |
| Travel | | | | | | | |
| Contractual | 17.6 | | 17.6 | 17.6 | 17.6 | 17.6 | 17.6 |
| Supplies | 1.0 | | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Equipment | 14.4 | | | | | | |
| Land & Structures | | | | | | | |
| Grants & Claims | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 167.4 | 0.0 | 153.0 | 153.0 | 153.0 | 153.0 | 153.0 |

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| CAPITAL EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | |
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| CHANGE IN REVENUES (| | | | | | | |
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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| 1002 Federal Receipts | 108.8 | 0.0 | 99.5 | 99.5 | 99.5 | 99.5 | 99.5 |
| 1003 GF Match | 58.6 | 0.0 | 53.5 | 53.5 | 53.5 | 53.5 | 53.5 |
| 1004 GF | | | | | | | |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts | | | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health | | | | | | | |
| Other Interagency Receipts | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 167.4 | 0.0 | 153.0 | 153.0 | 153.0 | 153.0 | 153.0 |

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Full-time | 2.0 | | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Part-time | | | | | | | |
| Temporary | | | | | | | |

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation increases the income level for covering children and pregnant women under Denali KidCare to 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, up from 175%. It restores eligibility levels to the levels used when the Denali KidCare(DKC) program was originally created.

This fiscal note represents the additional administrative costs needed to support the increased eligibility determination workload resulting from more pregnant women and children applying for medical assistance, using the assumptions from the companion fiscal notes for the Division of Health Care Services and the Division of Behavioral Health.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

The eligibility decision includes verifying information and determining whether a pregnant woman or child qualifies for DKC when they apply, acting on changes, and periodically re-examining a household's eligibility.

We assume that 218 pregnant women and 1,277 children will enroll in Medicaid if the qualifying income limit is revised to 200% FPG, and that implementation will begin July 1, 2009. We estimate two additional Eligibility Technician I (Range 13) positions will be needed to manage this additional work in FY2010.

Total Administrative Costs for ET I Positions:

Personal Services: Two Eligibility Technician I Range 13 at a cost of \$134.4, including benefits, for 12 months.

Contractual: Annual cost for office space, phones, etc. will be \$17.6.

Commodities: Annual cost for the office supplies will be \$1.0.

Additional Cost of FY2010:

Equipment/Supply: A one time cost of \$14.4 for desktop computer, software, printer, and work stations will be needed for the new positions.