

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1312

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures	\$30,616	\$52,468	\$694,924	\$1,184,264	\$737,176	\$1,256,267
Appropriations	\$30,616	\$52,468	\$694,924	\$1,184,264	\$737,176	\$1,256,267

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

HB 1312 would increase the minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance to the maximum amount allowed by 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5. This reduces the amount the couple pays toward the long-term care costs, which increases the amount Medicaid pays.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Section 1 of the bill increases the amount allowed to be retained as income by a community spouse which will increase the amount Medicaid will pay toward long-term care expenses.

Section 3 declares the bill as an emergency.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

The Department will be able to access \$1,184,264 of federal revenue from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid.

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

Expenditures to implement for the 2009 - 2011 biennium equal \$1,879,188, with \$694,924 from the general fund as a result of increasing the current community spouse income level of \$2,267 per month to \$2,739 per month. This is a monthly increase of \$472 per month.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

The Department's appropriation bill (HB 1012) does not include funding for this change. Additional appropriation authority of \$1,879,188 of which \$694,924 is from the general fund would be needed.

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