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Bill Title: Relating to foster children.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Oregon Health Authority, Department of Human Services

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure requires medical assistance coverage to extend to individuals who were in foster care in any state when they turned 18, were enrolled in a medical assistance program while in foster care and are currently between the ages of 18 and 25 years old.

Fiscal Analysis

Oregon currently provides medical assistance coverage to foster youth upon turning 18. Effective January 1, 2023, due to the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment Act (or SUPPORT Act), coverage was extended to all foster youth between the ages of 18 and 25 residing in Oregon, regardless of what state they previously lived in. In June 2023, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare (CMS) approved an amendment to the state plan and approved federal financial participation for this population. These changes are already reflected in the ONE eligibility system, OHA anticipates completing updates to the paper application and administrative rules by the fall of 2025.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.