

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1463

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.*

	2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,550,601	\$0	\$8,387,600
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$1,534,761	\$4,550,601	\$2,828,126	\$8,387,600
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$1,534,761	\$4,550,601	\$2,828,126	\$8,387,600

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

2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$198,442	\$0	\$0	\$193,059	\$0	\$0

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).*

If sufficient additional federal funding becomes available, this bill would increase the income eligibility standard for the children's health insurance program from 140% of the federal poverty level (net income) to 200% of the federal poverty level (gross income).

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.*

The fiscal note is prepared based on the number of children who were denied Healthy Steps coverage for the period August 2005 - July 2006 whose family income was between 140% (net) and 200% (gross) of poverty, which is 2,040 children. The number of children that would actually be eligible could be much greater. However, the Department is unable to determine the exact number of children that would apply and be eligible. Based on information from the 2000 census, it is estimated there are 24,505 children in ND between 140-200% of poverty. The Department is unable to determine the number that currently have health coverage and/or the number that would actually apply.

This change would result in 80 children who are currently enrolled in Healthy Steps losing coverage.

There would be additional costs for system changes. However the Department is unable to estimate the cost at this time.

The Department is unable to estimate what the projected increase in caseload may be at the county level and which counties would be impacted. So without knowing the staffing levels and caseload capacities at the counties the Department is estimating that an additional 2 FTEs would be needed at the county level.

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.*

For the 2007-09 biennium \$4,550,601 in federal funds would be received, if available.

For the 2009-11 biennium \$8,387,600 in federal funds would be received, if available.

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.*

For the 2007-09 biennium a total of \$6,085,362 would be expended, \$102,395 for salary and related costs of an additional FTE and \$5,982,967 in medical assistance grants. \$1,534,761 would be general funds and \$4,550,601 would be federal funds.

For the 2009-11 biennium a total of \$11,215,726 would be expended, \$99,704 for salary and related costs and \$11,116,022 in medical assistance grants. \$2,828,126 would be general funds and \$8,387,600 would be federal funds.

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.*

If sufficient federal funds become available, for the 2007-09 biennium the Department would need a general fund appropriation of \$1,534,761 and a federal fund appropriation of \$4,550,601.

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