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AN ACT CONCERNING DOULA CERTIFICATION AND
MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOULA SERVICES.

AMENDMENT

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The amendment results in the impact described in the following tables by allowing the state to deduct certain conservatorship expenses when calculating the amount of income an institutionalized Medicaid enrollee must contribute towards his or her care to the extent allowed under federal law.

Probate Court (Probate Court Administration Fund (PCAF)) - \$			
	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22
Savings from Reduction in Conservator Reimbursement and Fee Waivers	600,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
Transfer to Dept. of Social Services (DSS)	-	(600,000)	(1,200,000)
Net Impact to PCAF	600,000	600,000	-

Department of Social Services -Medicaid Program - \$			
	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22
Gross Medicaid Costs	(600,000)	(1,200,000)	(1,200,000)
State Share of Medicaid Costs	(300,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)

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Federal Share of Medicaid Costs	(300,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)
Transfer from PCAF ¹	-	600,000	1,200,000
Net Impact to DSS	(300,000)	-	600,000
Department of Social Services -Other Expenses Account - \$			
	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22
ImpaCT System Enhancements	(500,000)	-	-
State Share	(500,000)	-	-
Federal Revenue	375,000	-	-
Impact to DSS	(500,000)		
Net Impact to State	(125,000)	-	-

¹ The transfer from the PCAF reflects the total amount of deductions for the preceding year.

The cost to DSS will depend on (1) the amount of the conservator expenses (including conservator compensation), Probate Court filing fees/expenses, and premiums for any Probate Court bonds counted as a deduction from a beneficiary's income and (2) the commensurate shift to the state for Medicaid costs which would have been paid by the beneficiary. In addition, one time cost to DSS as the provisions of the amendment will constitute a state option change order to its ImpaCT (the state's new eligibility system) contract related to the system enhancements required to implement the applied income deductions specified in the amendment.

Lastly, the amendment will result in a cost the state Medicaid program to the extent the penalty period that would have been imposed on an individual, making them temporarily ineligible for Medicaid long term care services, is either reduced or eliminated. The cost to the state Medicaid program will depend on the reduction or elimination of the penalty period which would have been imposed on the individual and the scope of services that otherwise would not be eligible for Medicaid coverage. Beginning in FY 22, the cost could be

mitigated by the net gain from the PCAF transfer required by the amendment.

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