



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 508

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House Bill No. 6636

House of Representatives, April 19, 2021

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. ABERCROMBIE of the 83rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING COVID-19 AND ENHANCED FEDERAL MEDICAID FUNDING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) As used in this section, "enhanced
2 federal Medicaid funds" means the increase of six and two-tenths per
3 cent in federal matching funds provided to states for their Medicaid
4 programs during the COVID-19 pandemic. To the extent permissible
5 under federal law, the Commissioner of Social Services shall use
6 enhanced federal Medicaid funds to increase rates for Medicaid
7 providers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
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HS Joint Favorable

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to use federal Medicaid funds associated with the enhanced federal reimbursement rate provided during the COVID-19 pandemic to increase Medicaid provider rates. Enhanced federal Medicaid funds are based on projected expenditures. Currently, the increased federal share is used to reduce state Medicaid expenditures and increase federal grants revenue in the General Fund. Using the value of enhanced funds to instead support provider rates, precludes future savings and adjusts federal grants revenue. Assuming the enhanced federal reimbursement rate is applied to eligible expenditures for July 1 through December 31, 2021, the value of the enhanced funds would be approximately \$200 million.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 2 (03/31/2021)