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FISCAL NOTE

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H.430 – An act relating to expanding eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur to all income-eligible children and pregnant individuals regardless of immigration status

As passed the House

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2022/H.430>

The bill as amended proposes to expand eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur to all income-eligible children and pregnant individuals, regardless of immigration status.

Sec. 2 would appropriate \$1,400,000.00 in one-time state funds to the Agency of Human Services (AHS) in FY 2022 to be used for:

- Grants and/or reimbursements to health care providers for delivering health care services to children and pregnant individuals who are undocumented immigrants;
- Grants to Vermont organizations that work with members of Vermont's undocumented immigrant community or with members of the health care provider community to provide outreach and information; and
- Implementing the technological and operational processes necessary for the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) to administer the Dr. Dynasaur expansion.

Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 appropriation to AHS: \$1,400,000.00 (one-time state dollars)

Sec. 3 would require AHS to provide information on the estimated FY 2023 costs of expanding Dr. Dynasaur eligibility to children and pregnant individuals who are undocumented immigrants as part of the Agency's FY 2023 budget presentation to specific legislative committees of jurisdiction.

Sec. 4 would make coverage available to eligible children and pregnant individuals who are undocumented immigrants beginning on July 1, 2022, subject to fiscal year 2023 appropriations for this purpose. Preliminary estimates provided by advocacy organizations are that this bill could affect as many as 22 undocumented pregnant women and 100 children. Based on this information, the expansion could cost as much as \$1.3 million annually, depending on uptake and outreach efforts.

- 22 undocumented pregnant women x a PMPM¹ of 3,807.00 = \$1,004,048.00
- 100 children at varying PMPMs – depending on what Medicaid eligibility group they qualify under – could have an estimated annualized cost of \$261,000.00.

Fiscal Impact: the FY 2023 impact will be subject to the FY 2023 appropriation for this purpose.

¹ PMPM stands for per member per month.