

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB136

Patron: Reid

Bill Title: Department of Medical Assistance Services; sickle cell disease; feasibility of Medicaid benefit and Medicaid Health Homes; report.

Bill Summary: Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to determine the feasibility of participating in an optional Medicaid benefit for sickle cell disease and establishing Medicaid Health Homes to coordinate care and provide treatment for individuals with sickle cell disease. The bill requires the Department to report its findings in its annual review of sickle cell disease treatment and submit such review to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the Joint Commission on Health Care by November 15, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: 292

Fiscal Summary: The proposed legislation will require expenditures for which the agency is not currently appropriated. See table and fiscal analysis below.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
DMAS (602)	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Agency	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
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TOTAL	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) maintains that the bill's requirements to determine the feasibility of establishing Medicaid health homes to coordinate care for individuals with sickle cell disease and provide comprehensive sickle cell treatment services will require effort and knowledge that is not available within existing agency resources. DMAS reports that these requirements would necessitate the use of a vendor to perform program evaluation and a fiscal analysis. Based on previous experiences, DMAS estimates that this bill would require one-time administrative funding of approximately \$500,000 (\$250,000 general fund) to procure the expertise and provide the expected deliverables within the timeframe required in the bill.

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Additionally, it is assumed that the feasibility study required by this bill does not include a rate study for proposed services. DMAS indicates that specific authority and additional administrative funding would be needed to conduct a formal rate study.

Other: None.