

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.