

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2026 General Assembly Session  
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** SB275

**Patron:** Graves

**Bill Title:** Medicaid managed care organizations; community health worker expansion, etc., report

**Bill Summary:** The proposed directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), in coordination with the Department of Health, Department of Social Services, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, to (i) evaluate opportunities for Medicaid managed care organizations to embed certified community health workers into care coordination models, (ii) evaluate the implementation of 2024 Medicare Community Health Integration services codes, (iii) develop and implement statewide workforce pathways for community health worker training, and (iv) identify opportunities to expand the use of community health workers in programs supporting high-cost Medicaid populations. The bill directs DMAS to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Joint Commission on Health Care and the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than December 1, 2026.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes

**Items Impacted:** 295

**Explanation:** Additional funding is needed in the agency's administrative program.

**Fiscal Summary:** DMAS indicates that additional one-time funding is necessary to meet the bill's provisions.

**General Fund Expenditure Impact:**

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

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**Fiscal Analysis:** DMAS reports that evaluating and developing recommendations for a statewide strategy to integrate community health workers into Medicaid managed care and related health and human services programs would require effort and knowledge that is not available within existing agency resources. The agency would hire a vendor to conduct a feasibility study for implementing community health workers as a Medicaid benefit. With the findings from the study and collaboration with other agencies, DMAS would then submit the required report.

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.

**Other:** None