

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note***NO FISCAL IMPACT****Drafting Number:** LLS 14-0444**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Aguilar
Rep. Singer**Date:** January 17, 2014**Bill Status:** Senate Health and Human Services**Fiscal Analyst:** Bill Zepernick (303-866-4777)**SHORT TITLE:** MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ALIGN WITH FEDERAL LAW**Summary of Legislation**

The bill aligns state law on Medicaid and the Children's Basic Health Plan with the requirement of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Specifically, the bill:

- removes obsolete descriptions of eligibility categories and renames and recategorizes them to conform to current eligibility groups;
- defines "modified adjusted gross income (MAGI)" by referencing the definition in federal law for eligibility determination;
- removes obsolete language regarding income- and resource-counting methods;
- updates statute to include federally approved electronic data sources for income verification;
- clarifies that applicants who are ineligible for state medical assistance will have their application data and verifications transferred to the state health insurance marketplace; and
- makes conforming amendments.

Assessment

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing has already implemented these changes as required under federal law and the alignment of state statute with federal law will not affect workload or costs in the department.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor or becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing
Public Health and Environment
Counties

Human Services
Office of Information Technology