151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 317**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Griffith**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR ALL DELAWARE CHILDREN.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective January 1, 2023, upon signature by the Governor.

2. This Act directs the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) through the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) to develop and operate a medical coverage program for children in Delaware who are not otherwise covered, including children who are not documented.

3. DMMA anticipates 2,000 children would represent the full, annual enrollment of eligible children who reside in Delaware and are not otherwise qualified for Medicaid or other federally funded medical coverage. Assuming an effective date of January 1, 2023, DMMA estimates 1,000 children would be served in the first year with total enrollment achieved in years two and three.

4. DMMA reported a per member per month (PMPM) cost of $300 per child for the first two fiscal years. First year estimates include $1,800 per child totaling $1,800,000 for six months of services; the second year is estimated at $3,600 per child for the full year of services with a total cost of $7,200,000. The Division expects to see an estimated 5% inflation cost for the PMPM in year three totaling $315 per child, per month or $3,780 per child. Total estimated funding for year three is $7,560,000.

5. In addition, DMMA estimates a one-time cost of $500,000 for system upgrades to support these changes as well as an on-going, annual cost of $250,000 for administration.

6. According to DMMA, these children will continue to be eligible for 50% federal share for emergency treatments. These savings are estimated at $250,000 for the first year of services and $500,00 for each subsequent year thereafter.

Cost:

	Operating/Recurring	One-Time	Total Costs
Fiscal Year 2023:	$1,550,000	$500,000	$2,050,000
Fiscal Year 2024:	$6,950,000	$0	$6,950,000
Fiscal Year 2025:	$7,310,000	$0	$7,310,000

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