

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2312 – HB 2608

March 14, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Division of TennCare (Division) to establish a procedure, no later than November 1, 2018, that allows recipients who are under the age of 18 to reapply for medical assistance benefits online without requiring any paper forms.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,500,000/One-Time

Increase Federal Expenditures - \$13,500,000/One-Time

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (014794, 015325): Amendment 014794 deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the Division, as part of the process for redetermining an enrollee's eligibility for the program, to establish a procedure that sends an email notice to the enrollee, or the parent or guardian of the enrollee, that the enrollee must redetermine eligibility for the program. Declares the notice must be emailed at least 30 days in advance of the regular mailing of any packet of materials for redetermination of eligibility if the Division has an email address for the enrollee or the parent or guardian of the enrollee.

Amendment 015325 removes the provision that requires the notice must be mailed at least 30 days in advance of the regular mailing of any packet of materials for redetermination of eligibility.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

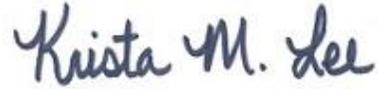
- The Division is working on the Tennessee Eligibility Determination System (TEDS) that will have the required provision in place through a pilot in December 2018, and be fully implemented in late March 2019.
- The Division will have to temporarily stop its redetermination efforts in preparation for launching TEDS. The proposed legislation would not be able to be implemented until March 2019.

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- The TEDS system will send email notifications to accompany all notices as long as the enrollee has given the Division permission to contact them via email and if the enrollee has set up an online account; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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