

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1046

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Scott

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Over-the-counter medications, etc.; DMAS to study plan for a process to allow direct purchase

5. Summary: This legislation directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to study options for and develop a plan to implement a process by which recipients of medical assistance services shall receive payments that may be used to purchase over-the-counter medications and medical supplies prescribed by an authorized prescriber directly in a retail setting and to report its findings and plan to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health by October 1, 2022.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 308.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, See Item 8.

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2023	\$150,000	General
	\$150,000	Nongeneral
2024	-	-
2025	-	-
2026	-	-
2027	-	-
2028	-	-
2029	-	-

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) indicates that there is not sufficient in-house expertise to meet the provisions of this bill. The agency maintains that a contractor would be needed to develop the options and plan as required by the bill in the specified timeframe. Based on similar efforts, DMAS estimates a one-time cost of \$300,000 (\$150,000 general fund).

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Department of Medical Assistance Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None