

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 800

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

2. Patron: Price

3. Committee: -

4. Title: Medical assistance services; individuals confined in state correctional facilities

- 5. Summary:** This substitute bill requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services to coordinate with the Department of Corrections to identify persons in the custody of state correctional facilities who are currently enrolled in the Commonwealth's program of medical assistance or who may be eligible for services under the state plan for medical assistance upon release. In addition, prior to the release of such persons, DMAS must (i) review the eligibility of currently enrolled persons to ensure continued access to medical assistance upon release or (ii) enroll persons not previously enrolled who meet eligibility criteria in the Commonwealth's program of medical assistance services; however, no services under the state plan for medical assistance shall be furnished to any person while he is confined in a state correctional facility unless federal financial participation is available to pay for the cost of the services provided.

The bill further provides that an individual who is enrolled in the Commonwealth's program of medical assistance services at the time of release from the custody of a state correctional facility is eligible for services upon release and would continue to be eligible for services under the state plan for medical assistance until such time as the person is determined to no longer be eligible for medical assistance.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

- 8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Medical Assistance Services indicates that current policies and practices will meet the provisions of the bill without additional costs.

The Department of Corrections reports that Medicaid covers approximately \$27 million of inpatient medical costs for incarcerated individuals. Without this Medicaid revenue those expenses would have to be covered with general fund support.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Medical Assistance Services
Department of Corrections

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None