

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 877

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Lopez

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**4. Title:** Public benefits; eligibility of certain aliens

**5. Summary:** This legislation repeals provisions prohibiting persons other than United States citizens or persons who are legally present in the United States from receiving certain public benefits.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Indeterminate Fiscal Impact**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Federal rules (42 CFR §435.956) currently require states to provide a reasonable opportunity period for individuals to verify citizenship or immigration status when applying for Medicaid. The reasonable period must last for at least 90 days or until the individual's citizenship or immigration status is determined. During such reasonable period, states must provide benefits to individuals who are otherwise eligible for Medicaid. Since these federal rules would still apply to Virginia's program, the provisions of this bill are not expected to have any significant impact on the Medicaid program.

The Department of Social Services is examining how the provisions of this bill would impact benefit programs administered by the agency and has not yet finalized the fiscal implications. As such, the overall impact is indeterminate at this time. This statement will be updated once additional information is provided.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department of Medical Assistance Services  
Department of Social Services

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None