

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB983

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

2. Patron: Lucas

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Certificate of public need; definition of 'medical care facility.'

5. Summary: Adds to the list of medical care facilities for which a certificate of public need is required any facility that has common ownership with an affiliated licensed hospital located within 35 miles of the facility and that includes, as part of the facility, a dedicated emergency department as defined in 42 C.F.R. § 489.24(b) that is subject to the requirements of the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: While it is assumed that legislation impacting Virginia's Certificate of Public Need (COPN) law may have fiscal implications for the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), as one of the largest purchasers of health care services in Virginia, there is insufficient data to provide a definitive estimate of the cost impact of most proposed COPN legislation.

Under any scenario, it is unlikely that most COPN changes would have a direct fiscal impact on Medicaid in the biennium in which it is proposed due to the time needed for implementation and the delayed recognition of costs in Medicaid payment rates. Any significant costs are not likely to occur for three to five years and, even then, such costs would be difficult to estimate based on the unknowns associated with multiple COPN process and coverage changes and the rapidly evolving nature of the healthcare system.

The Virginia Department of Health has indicated that they will not need additional resources for the provisions of the bill.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB1387, introduced by Delegate Leftwich, is a companion bill.