

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB 2084

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** King

3. **Committee:** Pending

4. **Title:** Department of Medical Assistance; annual review of medication and treatment for sickle cell

5. **Summary:** The proposed legislation directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to conduct an annual review of all medications and forms of treatment for sickle cell disease, and services for enrollees with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease, that are eligible for coverage under the state plan for medical assistance. In addition, the bill requires the Department to report its findings and recommendations by November 15 each year to the Chairmen of the House Committee of Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health and to the Joint Commission on Health Care.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2024	\$50,000	General
	\$50,000	Federal
2025	\$50,000	General
	\$50,000	Federal
2026	\$50,000	General
	\$50,000	Federal
2027	\$50,000	General
	\$50,000	Federal
2028	\$50,000	General
	\$50,000	Federal
2029	\$50,000	General
	\$50,000	Federal
2030	\$50,000	General
	\$50,000	Federal

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) indicates that the technical expertise necessary to perform the required research and review each year is not currently available to the agency. DMAS maintains that in order to successfully meet the bill's provisions, the agency must acquire specialized expertise on sickle cell disease as

well as specific analytical competencies. It is assumed that hiring an external contractor with the appropriate skillsets would be more cost effective than hiring a position. Therefore, based on the agency's experience with similar vendors, DMAS estimates that this bill would cost approximately \$100,000 (\$50,000 general fund) annually.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Medical Assistance Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None