

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 676

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

2. Patron: Ebbin

3. Committee: -

4. Title: Department of Medical Assistance Services; certain waivers for services to individuals

5. Summary: The substitute bill directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to amend the financial eligibility standards for the Family and Individual Support, Community Living, and Building Independence waivers. When determining financial eligibility for these waivers, DMAS must disregard any Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) income above the maximum monthly Supplemental Security Income as determined by the Social Security Administration. Such SSDI income shall not be disregarded for purposes of determining an individual's patient pay obligation. However, this provision will not become effective unless reenacted by the 2025 session of the General Assembly.

In addition, DMAS must analyze the implications of amending the financial eligibility standards for individuals receiving services under the Family and Individual Support Waiver, Community Living Waiver, and Building Independence Waiver, so that Social Security Disability Insurance income is disregarded by the Department when calculating such individuals' financial eligibility for such waivers. Findings must be reported no later than November 1, 2024.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Minimal Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill's provision requiring DMAS to disregard Social Security Disability Insurance in calculating eligibility for specified Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers will not have any fiscal impact as the substitute bill includes a reenactment clause. Further, it is expected that DMAS can perform the required analysis and provide the report with existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Medical Assistance Services
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to HB 908.