

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2008-09		FY 2009-10	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	7,339,062 to 8,582,331		12,768,735 to 14,964,118	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	8,920,215 to 10,163,484		15,570,148 to 17,765,532	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	17,502,546		30,534,2660	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill increases income eligibility from 185% to 200% of the federal poverty level for the following programs: Children’s Health Insurance, Medicaid coverage for pregnant women, transitional health care, and transitional child care. Continuous eligibility for the Children’s Health Insurance Program would be increased from 6 to 12 months. The monthly review once the continuous eligibility period has ceased is repealed.

Expansion of the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) will add approximately 5,400 children. In Nebraska CHIP is a Medicaid expansion. Once the state’s allotment is used, the match rate is the standard Medicaid match rate of approximately 40%/60%. The state is currently expending above the allotment, so the additional costs added under this bill will be paid at the Medicaid match rate. The average annual cost per child is \$2,470. The total cost would be \$7,780,055 (\$3,112,022 GF and \$4,668,033) in FY 09 and \$13,738,140 (\$5,495,256 GF and \$8,242,884 FF) in FY 10.

Expanding continuous eligibility would increase the number of months covered by 118,846 at an average cost of \$100 per child. The cost would be \$6,932,287 \$2,772,915 GF and \$4,159,372 FF) in FY 09 and \$12,241,138 (\$4,896,455 GF and \$7,344,683 FF) in FY 10.

Expanded coverage of pregnant women would add 830 additional women and infants to the Medicaid Program. The average annual cost is \$4,280 per person. The total cost would be \$2,072,115 in FY 09 and \$3,658,972 in FY 10. Federal law allows coverage for pregnant women up to 185% of the FPL. Unless a waiver is obtained, this would be funded by General Funds.

Transitional health care would increase by 15 adults at a cost of \$13,124 (\$5,250 GF and \$7,875 FF) in FY 09 and \$23,175 (\$9,270 GF and \$13,905 FF) in FY 10.

The transitional child care expansion would provide coverage to an additional 210 children under this bill. The average annual cost is \$4,250 per child. The total cost in FY 09 would be \$520,595 GF and \$919,275 GF in FY 10.

There would be a decrease in eligibility technicians by eliminating the monthly review of eligibility. Additional staff would be needed to handle the increased number of eligibles in CHIP, Medicaid, and child care. The cost of staff would be \$111,258 (62,879 GF and \$48,380 FF) in FY 09 and \$4,604 GF in FY 10 and a reduction of \$11,609 in federal funds. Operating cost would be \$73,111 (\$36,556 GF and FF) in FY 09 and a reduction of \$39,430 (\$19,715 GF and FF) in FY 10.