

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Senate Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: No fiscal impact****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Zena Rockowitz, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs coordinated care organizations (CCO) to continue to provide health services to children in foster home or residential facility who move out of geographical area served by CCO until the child enrolls in CCO of child's new residence, or if there is no coordinated care organization, the child begins receiving medical assistance on fee-for-service basis. Establishes CCO must enroll child who moved into the geographic area served by CCO no later than 30 days after child establishes residence. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

BACKGROUND: Children are often placed in foster care because their families cannot provide them with the basic safety and protection they need. Many children have had experiences such as parental substance abuse, sexual and physical abuse and abandonment. According to the Department of Human Services, in 2014, there were a total of 7,086 children on the foster care caseload. In 2013, the last date for which data is available, roughly 38 percent of children had one placement, 39 percent of children had two to three placements, 11 percent of children had four to five placements and 12 percent of children had six or more placements.