

HB 1660-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

***1660-FN***

AN ACT                   relative to coverage of certain procedures for minor children under the state's Medicaid program.

SPONSORS:           Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 32; Rep. Sirois, Hills. 32; Rep. See, Merr. 26; Rep. Osborne, Rock. 2; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Innis, Dist 7

COMMITTEE:       Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill provides that the state Medicaid plan shall not include gender reassignment treatment for minors.

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Explanation:       Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                          Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~  
                          Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four*

AN ACT                      relative to coverage of certain procedures for minor children under the state's  
Medicaid program.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

- 1            1 New Section; Coverage of Gender Reassignment Procedures for Minors Excluded Under State
- 2 Medicaid Program. Amend RSA 167 by inserting after section 3-m the following new section:
- 3            167:3-n State Medicaid Plan; Sex Reassignment Excluded. Medical assistance provided under
- 4 the state Medicaid plan shall not include any form of gender reassignment surgery for a person
- 5 under 18 years of age.
- 6            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1660-FN- FISCAL NOTE**  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**    ☒ State                      ☐ County                      ☐ Local                      ☐ None

Estimated State Impact - Increase / (Decrease)				
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>				
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund Federal matching funds			
<b>Appropriations</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

- Does this bill provide sufficient funding to cover estimated expenditures? ☒ See Below
- Does this bill authorize new positions to implement this bill? ☒ N/A

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill provides that the state Medicaid plan shall not include coverage of gender reassignment treatment for minors. The Department of Health and Human Services states that gender reassignment surgery is estimated to cost \$10,000 per procedure in total funds. (In most cases, the procedures would be funded with 50 percent federal funds and 50 percent state general funds.) The Department notes that gender reassignment for minors is a rare occurrence, and that lack of coverage for the procedure may result in other Medicaid expenditures due to a substitution of demand for different services. The net impact of the change is indeterminable, but the Department assumes it will range from a \$50,000 annual savings to a \$50,000 annual increase in general fund expenditures.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

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