

Budget Initiative Fact Sheet

Office: MaineCare Services

Date: 12/13/2011

Initiative #: 7411 – Repeal Parents

Account: 0147

I. Budget Proposal Description:

This initiative proposes to eliminate optional coverage for parents with incomes between 100 and 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

II. Financial Information:

	Actual SFY'08	Actual SFY'09	Actual SFY'10	Actual SFY'11
General Fund	8,136,527	7,020,755	6,955,580	13,163,974
Other Special Revenue				
Federal Funds	14,033,847	16,875,619	20,569,471	35,555,397
Total	22,170,374	23,896,373	27,525,050	48,719,369

Other sources of funding for program, i.e. FHM? x Yes No

- For parents between 133 – 150 percent, Dirigo Health Fund will pay 1,155,211 in SFY '12 and 4,914,390 in SFY 13.
- For parents between 150 – 200 percent, Dirigo Health Fund will pay 4,700,000 in SFY '12 and 4,700,000 in SFY'13.

III. Total Members Eligible: 21,156

IV. Program Eligibility Criteria:

Parents/caretakers/guardian relatives who are residing with children under age 18 and whose family income is between 100 and 200 percent FPL. The State match for parents/caretakers/guardians between 150 and 200 percent FPL is currently funded through the Dirigo program. Effective 1/1/12, 133 to 150 percent will also be funded through the Dirigo program.

V. Current Budget Proposal:

1) Appropriation Increase: \$ -0-

SFY '12

SFY '13

2) Appropriation Decrease: \$ 2,184,239 8,533,575

3) Any contracts impacted? Yes No

VI. Legal Requirements?

- Federal – subject to approval of CMS State Plan Amendment.
- State – subject to approval of State rule making and changes to 22 MRSA 3174-G.

VII. Maintenance of Effort Requirements? Yes No

Section 2001(b) of the Affordable Care Act requires that States must maintain Medicaid “eligibility standards, methodologies, and procedures” that are no more restrictive than those in effect on March 23, 2010. States can eliminate coverage for non-pregnant/non-disabled adults with household income above 133 percent FPL. Coverage for parents with incomes above 133 percent can be eliminated without violating the Maintenance of Effort requirement.

VIII. Q & A follow-up after committee session held on _____
Date