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Public Notice - Rulemaking

June 8, 2022 FINAL

Immigrant Health Insurance Plan - New Rule

Policy Summary:

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) has filed the following adopted rule with the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) and the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR). Non-substantive changes and technical corrections were made since filing the final proposed rule.

Immigrant Health Insurance Plan (New Rule)

• This new rule establishes eligibility, enrollment, rights and responsibilities, services, and appeals for a new, state-only health benefits program titled "Immigrant Health Insurance Plan". This program was created by <u>Act 48 of the 2021 Vermont Legislature</u> to establish hospital, medical, dental and prescription drug benefits for children under age 19 and pregnant individuals who are Vermont residents and who are not eligible for the Dr. Dynasaur program because of their immigration status.

Effective Date: The rule will be effective July 1, 2022.

Authority/Legal Basis:

3 V.S.A. § 801(b) (11) 33 V.S.A. § 2092(d)

Population Affected: Children under age 19 and pregnant individuals who have an immigration status for which Medicaid coverage is not available.

Fiscal Impact: The estimated gross annualized budget impact for the Immigrant Health Insurance Plan is \$1.4 million.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended March 22, 2022. No comments were received.

Additional Information:

- The Immigrant Health Insurance Plan adopted rule is available on the AHS website.
- The Immigrant Health Insurance Plan page on the DVHA website.
- <u>More information about the rulemaking process</u> from the Office of the Secretary of State's website.

