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SUBJECT: Fiscal Assessment of Proposed Amendment HB1237_L.001

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed Amendment L.001 to House Bill 20-1237. This fiscal assessment is for the impact of the bill with inclusion of this amendment only. Any other added amendment could influence the fiscal impact.

Summary of Proposed Amendment

Amendment L.001 clarifies that children who are put in out-of-home placement must stay in the same managed care entity that covers the county that has jurisdiction over the action, unless a county department of human services or a parent or legal guardian requests a change. In addition, the amendment removes the requirement that a child involved in the child welfare system can only have their managed care entity assignment changed if the parent or legal guardian requests the change.

Fiscal Impact of Amendment

By adopting L.001, costs to update the state's child welfare system (TRAILS), the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS), and the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) will not be incurred eliminating the required expenditures shown in the February 25, 2020, fiscal note.

Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendment

With Amendment L.001, the bill increases workload in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to update a child's managed care entity when requested by a county department of human services or a parent or legal guardian. The fiscal note assumes that this increase in workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.