

LFC Requester:

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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 2/19/25 *Check all that apply:*

Bill Number: HB463 Original Correction

Amendment Substitute

**Agency Name
and Code** HCA 630

Number: _____

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Armstrong

Short Title: CYFD Perinatal Investigation &
Support Unit

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
MAD Quality Assurance Analyst (population health unit)	\$0.0	\$5.9	\$53.9	\$107.8	Nonrecurring as Pilot	GF

MAD Quality Assurance Analyst (population health unit)	\$0.0	\$54.0	\$54.0	\$108.0	Nonrecurring as Pilot	FF
Total	\$0.0	\$107.9	\$107.9	\$215.8		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

- Creates Perinatal Investigation and Support Unit as a Pilot program under CYFD
- Appropriates \$100,000 to CYFD for expenditures in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.
- Requires the staff from the Perinatal Investigation and Support Unit to investigate, assess and support all families of substance-exposed newborns.
- Requires the unit to coordinate its efforts with DOH’s maternal health program, HCA, and ECECD’s home visiting program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

\$100,000 is appropriated from General fund to CYFD offset expenses in fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The bill requires the unit to coordinate its operations with the HCA. HCA’s Medicaid Care Coordination Program/Population Health will be responsible for collecting and tracking information on access, timeliness and quality of care provided for Medicaid members identified through the Perinatal Investigation and Support unit.

HCA has identified an additional FTE at a 70 pay band within the Quality Bureau. The total cost for the pilot would be \$215,800 for SFY26 and SFY27 as a non-recurring pilot (\$107,000 per year). The position will monitor and provide the following activities to ensure Members are receiving the services from the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations:

- Engagement in Care Coordination
- Referrals to appropriate services to support Member needs, including but not limited to housing, food and transportation.
- Barriers and gaps to accessing care
- Report and data sharing with sister agencies.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

None for HCA

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

There is a lack of clarity as to how MCO care coordinators overseen by HCA, DOH maternal health program, ECECD home visiting providers and CYFD would coordinate and where one department’s responsibilities begin and another’s end.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Unclear if the role of care coordination changes within this bill. If so, there would be a need to

adjust the MCO contract, revision to NMAC, adjust the MCO policy manual, and revision the MCO care coordination and CARA reports.

No IT impact.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB 42 New CARA Program Requirements

HB205 CYFD Nominating Committee

HB343 CYFD Plans of Safe Care for Certain Children

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

NA

ALTERNATIVES

There are multiple CARA bills introduced this legislative session. In one, HB 42, would move the navigator function of the CARA program from CYFD to DOH.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo

AMENDMENTS

None