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IV. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ECONOMIC IMPACT AND FISCAL NOTE:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

There would be a fiscal impact on the Department of Health as a result of implementation of this bill; however, the exact amount is indeterminate at this time. Depending on how families make health plan choices for their children with special health care needs, there could be a decrease or an increase in Title XIX and Title XXI-funded CMS Network enrollees.

The elimination of the Kidcare Coordinating Council would have a minimal impact on the CMS Program. The council's meetings are held in Tallahassee and there is no reimbursement for members' travel expenses. CMS staff that provide staffing to the council also perform other duties for the CMSN Florida Kidcare component. For FY 2006-07, the cost of preparing and printing the council's annual report and recommendations, publishing meeting notices in the Florida Administrative Weekly, and preparing materials for the council's meetings is \$5,290.62.

The bill uses the term "clinical evaluation" in reference to DOH duties, but does not define the term. Depending on the intent, there could be an increased cost involved in determining if a child would qualify for the CMS Network.

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