



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 419

PRINTERS NO. 2820

PRIME SPONSOR: Donatucci

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 419, Printer's Number 2820, amends the Pennsylvania Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Screening Act to change the name and expand the program. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: HB 419 changes the name to the Pennsylvania Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (PA-BCCEDP) and expands to program to cover "individuals" instead of "women". This legislation also expands the age range to participate in the PA-BCCEDP from 40 to 49 years of age to 40 to 64 years of age for breast cancer screening services and to 21 to 64 years of age for cervical cancer screening services. The other eligibility criteria of having a family income not to exceed 250% of the Federal poverty level and having no health insurance coverage for screening mammograms, clinical breast examinations, Pap tests and pelvic examinations remains unchanged.

According to the Department of Health's website, the PA-BCCEDP currently covers breast screening and follow-up diagnostic tests for women 40 through 64 years of age and cervical screening and follow-up diagnostic tests for women 21 through 64 years of age.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department of Health states that the PA-BCCEDP is not an entitlement and the number of screenings provided is dependent upon appropriated funding. The department indicates there has not been sufficient funding to provide all requested screenings but has not been able to provide the fiscal impact of this legislation or the increased number of screening requests that may not occur without additional funding.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.