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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill requires the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) to create three new notifications regarding the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program. These are notice that the program exists, notice of how the program works, and notice of resources available to help with estate preparation. Specific areas of concern are specified for inclusion in the notices. The bill requires these notices be given to new Medicaid applicants twice: once at application and once at approval. Approval must also be accompanied by instructions on how to file a complaint with ODM, how to inquire about the status of benefits, and instructions on how to disenroll from Medicaid. The bill also requires ODM to adopt rules ensuring compliance, and also specifies what information is to be presented on the first page of a Medicaid application. Finally, it requires ODM to create a process for identifying those Medicaid recipients who might be subject to estate recovery.

ODM will incur administrative costs for the creation, dissemination, retrieval, and recording of the required documents, and for the creation and oversight of the required rules. It is unclear if this will be handled by present staff, or if the volume will require hiring additional ODM employees.