

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4002-01
Bill No.: HB 1291
Subject: Health Care Professionals; Hospitals; Insurance - Medical; Physicians
Type: Original
Date: February 6, 2006

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Transportation, Department of Public Safety (DPS) - Director's Office, Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan, and Missouri Department of Conservation** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Officials from the **DPS - Missouri State Highway Patrol** defer to the Missouri Department of Transportation for response regarding the potential fiscal impact of the proposal on their organization.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration** state having reviewed the proposed legislation and having sought the conclusion of the appropriate board(s), they are of the opinion the proposal, in its present form, has no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Division of Medical Services (DMS)** state the proposal requires a health care provider to notify an enrollee when making a referral to or utilizing the services of another provider who is not in the health carrier's provider network and resulting in an out-of-network charge to the enrollee. If the enrollee doesn't consent to the out-of-network charge, the health care provider shall make a referral to or utilize the services of an in-network provider.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Current policy requires a health care provider to inform an enrollee of charges considered the enrollee's responsibility prior to rendering the service. If the enrollee signs and consents to the service, the enrollee would be responsible for the charge. The proposed legislation places the responsibility of verifying coverage on the health care provider. Therefore, there would be no fiscal impact to the DMS.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

The proposal may result in an administrative impact on small business physicians' offices by requiring them to verify health care coverage

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DESCRIPTION

This proposal requires health care providers to notify patients when referring them to an out-of-network provider so that the patient may choose a different one in his or her network. If no network provider is available, the services will be provided at no additional cost beyond what the patient would have paid within the network.

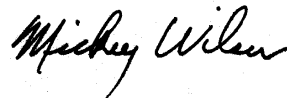
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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