

SCS SB 4 -- HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TAX

SPONSOR: Gross (Icet)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Health Care Policy by a vote of 9 to 0.

This substitute extends the expiration date for the Missouri Medicaid managed care organization reimbursement allowance in Sections 208.431 - 208.437, RSMo, and the pharmacy tax in Sections 338.500 - 338.550 from June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2009.

The expiration of the federal reimbursement allowance assessment and the nursing facility reimbursement allowance in Sections 198.401 - 198.436 is extended from September 30, 2007, to September 30, 2009.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill authorizes an extension for the state to continue receiving federal money based on taxes paid by certain health care providers.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Gross; Missouri Hospital Association; St. Luke's Health System; and Alliance.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.