

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4826H.011  
Bill No.: HB 2234  
Subject: Medicaid/MO HealthNet; Medical Procedures and Personnel; Hospitals; Workers  
Compensation; Veterans  
Type: Original  
Date: January 18, 2024

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions for providing copies of medical records.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Local Government*</b>	<b>\$0 to (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 to (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 to (Unknown)</b>

\*Reduction in medical record fees collected by local public health departments assumed to be less than \$250,000 annually.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

§191.227 – Copies of medical records

In response to a similar proposal from the previous session (HB 860), officials from the **St. Louis County Health Department** stated their department could lose revenues if the proposal passed. The average revenue for the last two years was \$23,000, this would be less if this proposal passed.

**Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Due to the minimal number of local public health department responses, Oversight will reflect a \$0 to (Unknown) loss of income to local governments.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance**, the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Mental Health**, the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations**, the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Veterans Commission**, the **Department of Social Services** and the **Newton County Health Department** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, health departments and hospitals were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the MOLIS database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENTS</b>			
<u>Loss – LPHAs (§191.227) – Potential reduction in medical record fees collected</u>	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS</b>	<b><u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

This proposal may negatively impact small business health care providers. (§191.227)

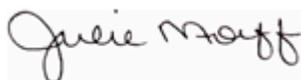
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill prohibits health care providers from charging a fee for medical records for use in supporting an application for Workers' Compensation, Veterans, or Disability benefits. It does allow health care providers to give the records in the most cost effective format, provided that electronic records are given in a universally accessible format. (§191.227)

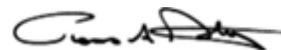
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- Department of Commerce and Insurance
- Department of Health and Senior Services
- Department of Mental Health
- Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
- Department of Public Safety – Missouri Veterans Commission
- Department of Social Services
- Newton County Health Department
- St. Louis County Health Department



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