

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2492H.011
 Bill No.: HB 1071
 Subject: Insurance - Health; Health Care; Hospitals; Emergencies; Mental Health
 Type: Original
 Date: February 24, 2025

Bill Summary: This proposal enacts provisions relating to insurance coverage for mental health treatments.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	4FY 2027	FY 2028
State Road Fund (0320)*	\$0 to (Unknown, Less than \$250,000)	\$0 to (Unknown, Less than \$250,000)	\$0 to (Unknown, Less than \$250,000)
Conservation Commission Fund (0609)*	\$0 to (Unknown, Less than \$250,000)	\$0 to (Unknown, Less than \$250,000)	\$0 to (Unknown, Less than \$250,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0 to (Unknown, Less than \$250,000)	\$0 to (Unknown, Less than \$250,000)	\$0 to (Unknown, Less than \$250,000)

* Health benefit plans unknown cost to provide coverage for mental health treatments could increase health insurance costs.

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- 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.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Government*	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§376.1553 – Insurance Coverage for Mental Health Treatments

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** state the requirements for cost-sharing in this bill may increase costs for plan administrators, which will likely pass on costs to the MoDOT-MSHP medical plan. This would have an unknown negative impact to the State Road Fund. MoDOT assumes since the language states this is a transfer from one hospital to another, the fiscal impact would be less than \$250,000.

Oversight notes that MoDOT has stated the proposal would have a negative unknown fiscal of less than \$250,000. Oversight assumes requiring health benefit plans to provide coverage for mental health treatments could increase health insurance costs for other insurance plans (as well as MoDOT), such as the Missouri Department of Conservation (although MDC has stated no impact) and local political subdivisions. Oversight will reflect a \$0 to Unknown, less than \$250,000 cost to the State Road Fund, Conservation Commission Fund and Local Political Subdivisions.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance**, the **Department of Social Services**, the **Missouri Department of Conservation**, the **Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan**, the **Oversight Division**, the **City of O’Fallon** and **Kansas City** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Oversight notes that the above mentioned agencies have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** defer to the Missouri Department of Transportation for the potential fiscal impact of this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
STATE ROAD FUND (0320)*			
<u>Cost – MoDOT §376.1553 p.3</u> Mental Health Treatments	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown, less</u> <u>than \$250,000)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown, less</u> <u>than \$250,000)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown, less</u> <u>than \$250,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE STATE ROAD FUND (0320)	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown,</u> <u>less than</u> <u>\$250,000)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown,</u> <u>less than</u> <u>\$250,000)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown,</u> <u>less than</u> <u>\$250,000)</u>
CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND (0609)*			
<u>Cost – MoDOT §376.1553 p.3</u> Mental Health Treatments	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown, less</u> <u>than \$250,000)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown, less</u> <u>than \$250,000)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown, less</u> <u>than \$250,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND (0609)	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown,</u> <u>less than</u> <u>\$250,000)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown,</u> <u>less than</u> <u>\$250,000)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown,</u> <u>less than</u> <u>\$250,000)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS*			
<u>Cost - Local Political Subdivisions</u> §376.1553 p.3	<u>\$0 or</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<u>\$0 or</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>

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FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

A direct fiscal impact to small business medical services and equipment providers could be expected as a result of this proposal.

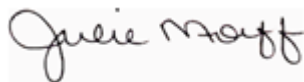
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill provides that health benefit plans cannot impose greater cost-sharing requirements for treatment of behavioral or mental health conditions if an enrollee is transferred to an out-of-network hospital and that the health carrier must reimburse the out-of-network hospital for the treatment at the Medicaid rate. The bill also provides that maintaining inadequate behavioral and mental health provider networks, as specified in the bill, will be an unlawful practice enforceable under the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act.

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 Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol
Department of Social Services
Missouri Department of Conservation
Missouri Department of Transportation
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