


1999 Session		LRB Number 4418/1
FISCAL ESTIMATE DOA-2048 N(R06/99)		Bill Number AB793
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Subject Group health benefit plans and self-insured health plans for the treatment of nervous and mental disorders and alcoholism and other drug problems.		Administrative Rule Number
Fiscal Effect State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.		
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Fund Sources Affected <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEG-S		Affected Chapter 20 Appropriations
Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate <p>This bill would change language in s.632.89(2) by removing the specified minimum amounts of coverage that a group health insurance policy must provide for the treatment of nervous and mental disorders and alcoholism and other drug abuse (AODA) problems. It also would require that coverage under group health benefit plans and self-insured health plans for the treatment of these problems be the same as the coverage under these plans for the treatment of physical conditions.</p> <p>The Department of Corrections (DOC) pays all costs for the care of persons under 17 years of age who reside in correctional institutions which would include the treatment of nervous and mental disorders and AODA problems. Once a juvenile has been placed in aftercare or corrective sanctions, if the juvenile requires treatment for nervous and mental disorders and AODA problems, DOC attempts to have the insurance provider of the juvenile pay for treatment costs; otherwise these costs are paid by DOC.</p> <p>Counties are billed a daily rate for juveniles who use institution and field services. DOC also can bill a liable third party (usually a juvenile's parent or guardian) for the costs of care and maintenance of persons under 17 years of age, subject to rules concerning ability to pay. The third party can be billed for any liability except that which can be paid by an insurer under s.632.89(2). Any costs recovered from the third party may be returned to the counties.</p> <p>If certain minimum requirements of coverage that group health insurance policies must provide for the treatment of nervous and mental disorders and AODA were eliminated, it is possible that a juvenile could receive treatment that currently isn't covered, but that may be covered with this proposed bill. If the health insurance provider were able to pay, costs to the state and to counties would decrease.</p> <p>It is not possible to estimate the number of juveniles that will undergo treatment for these problems while in aftercare or corrective sanctions, and it is also not possible to determine which of these juveniles would have health care providers that would be able to cover treatment costs as required by this bill. Therefore, it is not possible to determine the fiscal effect of this bill as related to the Department of Corrections.</p>		
Long-Range Fiscal Implications		
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