

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
LRB-0703/1
1999 AB 213

Amendment No. if Applicable

- ORIGINAL
- UPDATED
- CORRECTED
- SUPPLEMENTAL

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N(R10/96)

Subject

Use of Social Security Numbers as Medical or Health Insurance Identifiers

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No

- Increase Existing Appropriation
- Decrease Existing Appropriation
- Create New Appropriation
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

- 1. Increase Costs
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory

- 3. Increase Revenues
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
- 4. Decrease Revenues
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
- Towns
 - Villages
 - Cities
 - Counties
 - Others _____
 - School Districts
 - WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

- GPR
- FED
- PRO
- PRS
- SEG
- SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would prohibit health care providers and insurers from using social security numbers as, or incorporating social security numbers in, identifiers for patients and enrollees. However, this bill would allow health care providers and insurers to require patients and enrollees to disclose their social security numbers when such disclosure is required by state or federal agencies for participation in a particular program.

As currently drafted, the costs of AB 213 cannot be identified due to a conflict with existing statute. It is possible that this bill could create a cost for the Department's Health Insurance Risk Sharing Program (HIRSP) which currently uses social security numbers as identifiers. Existing state statute §149.18 indicates that the insurance statutes, which include chapter 610, apply to HIRSP. Given that §149.18 seems to say that HIRSP is to be administered like any other private insurance policy, this bill could be interpreted to require the HIRSP program to stop using social security numbers as identifiers and develop a new identification format. However, the language in this draft does provide, in part that "[t]his section does not prohibit ... an insurer from ... using an insured's or enrollee's social security number if that use is required by a ... state agency in order for the insured or enrollee to participate in a particular program." This may allow programs that are administered by a state agency, such as HIRSP, to continue to use Social Security numbers as identifiers. Until this issue is clarified, a cost cannot be estimated for this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

1999 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect
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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

II. Annualized Costs:

Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal impact on State funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)	(FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs		-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$ -0.00
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR	\$	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
State Revenues Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)	Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ -
GPR Earned		-
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$ -0.00

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>LOCAL</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$ <u>Cannot be determined.</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>

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