

FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM

1999 Session

ORIGINAL

UPDATED

LRB # 99 - 4018/2

CORRECTED

SUPPLEMENTAL

INTRODUCTION # AB 672

Admin. Rule #

Subject

Health insurance coverage of children's cancer clinical trial program costs

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

Increase Existing Revenues

Decrease Existing Appropriation

Decrease Existing Revenues

Decrease Costs

Create New Appropriation

Local: No local government costs

1. Increase Costs

Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues

Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

Towns Villages Cities

2. Decrease Costs

Permissive Mandatory

4. Decrease Revenues

Permissive Mandatory

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:

LRB 4018/2 requires that health insurance plans offered by the state to its employees, annuitants and participating local governments provide coverage under certain circumstances for health care costs incurred in connection with a clinical trial program for the treatment of children's cancer. The health plan must provide coverage if: (1) the clinical trial program is approved by the federal FDA; and (2) the person enrolled in the trial is covered under a health plan, was diagnosed with a childhood cancer before the age of 19, and is not eligible for any other benefits, payments or treatments that would pay the costs of the program. Currently, costs associated with clinical trials are not covered, either because the treatment may be experimental or the costs themselves are not a covered benefit.

The fiscal effect is indeterminate. According to information provided by the Group Insurance Board's consulting actuary, there is insufficient data to determine the current number of clinical trials or their associated costs that may be payable under this bill. It is also not known the extent to which this legislation would affect the funding mechanism for such trials nor any resulting change in the number of clinical trials or their associated costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications:

Indeterminate.

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