

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	05-3031/1	Introduction Number	SB-288	Estimate Type	Original
Subject					
Requiring insurers to cover routine costs in clinical trials if costs are generally covered					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Office of Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) reviews policy forms to ensure compliance with Wisconsin's laws and regulations, and responds to complaints. Ensuring that insurers comply with the requirements of this bill will be fulfilled as part of the standard activities of the office. Any additional cost will be absorbed by OCI.

In accordance with s. 601.423, Wis Stats., OCI will prepare the mandated study on the fiscal and social impacts of new mandated insurance benefits.

The fiscal effect on local Governments is indeterminate. Coverage of routine costs in clinical trials is not currently a mandated coverage in Wisconsin health insurance plans and depends on the employer's desire to offer this coverage. OCI has no data that identifies how many local governments have this type coverage in their health benefit plans. A calculation of the fiscal impact is not possible.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications