

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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| LRB Number | 09-4286/1 | Introduction Number | AB-0944 | Estimate Type | Original |
| Description Agreements between political subdivisions to operate a nursing home or intermediate care facility | | | | | |

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 944 establishes that a multi-county consortium administering a nursing home or intermediate care facility (ICFs) may impose an assessment on a consortium member for the cost of operating the facility and that such an assessment is not in violation of statutory prohibitions of third-party supplemental Medicaid (MA) payments. This change will have no net fiscal impact on state expenditures. County expenditures will not be affected in total, but there will be some shifting of expenditures between counties.

Public funding to nursing homes and ICFs are predominantly made up of state MA payments and local funding to cover operating costs in excess of MA payments. The changes under this bill do not affect state MA payments; therefore, there will be no fiscal impact on the state. The creation of a consortium enables the operating deficits for a county-owned facility to be redistributed across the consortium members. There is no net impact on total local expenditures.

As the bill does not affect total local expenditures, it would not impact total federal MA claims made by the Department of Health Services for county nursing home operating deficits based on Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) of county-owned homes.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.