

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	09-3406/2	Introduction Number	AB-0512	Estimate Type	Original
Description Health insurance coverage of nervous and mental disorders, alcoholism, and other drug abuse problems					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Office of Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) ensures 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. Mental Health and AODA coverage is currently mandated under Wisconsin law, however OCI does not collect information that would indicate the self-funded costs of mental health coverage currently experienced by local governments or what the anticipated increase in those costs would be. The report required under s. 601.423, Wis. Stat. should provide information related to the expected costs that would be useful in determining local government costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications