



February 15, 2022

Mr. Michael J. Queensland
Senate Chief Clerk
State Capitol
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

Mr. Ted Blazel
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street
Room 410
Madison, WI 53703

Re: Social and Financial Impact Report—2021 Assembly Bill 972—relating to prior authorization for coverage of physical therapy and other services under health plans.

Dear Chief Clerks Queensland and Blazel:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 601.423, the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) is submitting this letter regarding a social and financial impact report on 2021 Assembly Bill 972 relating to prior authorization for coverage of physical therapy and other services under health plans.

OCI is not intending to prepare a social and financial impact report as allowed under Wis. Stat. §13.0966 (2) (b) for the following reasons:

1. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 601.423(2)(b)1. The office shall submit the report or written statement for a bill within 10 working days after receiving the copy of the bill from the legislative reference bureau under s. 13.0966 (2) (b). OCI received its copy of the bill from the LRB on February 10, 2022.
2. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 13.0966(2)(c)2. the report or written statement shall be distributed, and made available to the public, before any vote is taken on the bill by either house of the legislature if the bill is not referred to a standing committee, or before any public hearing is held before any standing committee or, if no public hearing is held, before any vote is taken by the committee.

On February 9, 2022, Assembly Bill 972 was introduced in the Assembly and assigned to the Assembly Health Committee. Additionally, on February 9, 2022, the Assembly Health Committee amended its public hearing notice to add Assembly Bill 972. Given the limited time from when OCI received Assembly Bill 972 to the date the bill is scheduled for its public hearing, OCI is not able to prepare a social and financial impact report.

Please contact Sarah Smith at (608) 209-6309 or Sarah.Smith2@wisconsin.gov if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Houdek

Cc: The Honorable Tony Evers, Governor of Wisconsin