

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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LRB Number 21-5302/1	Introduction Number SB-885
Description health coverage questions on individual income tax returns	
Fiscal Effect	
State:	
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Local:	
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5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to include questions on an individual income tax return to determine whether the taxpayer or any member of the taxpayer's household does not have health care coverage under a health insurance policy or health plan. If the taxpayer indicates that they or any member of the taxpayer's household does not have health care coverage, DOR shall, at the taxpayer's request, forward the taxpayer's response to the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) to have OCI evaluate whether the taxpayer or a member of their household is eligible for state-sponsored health coverage or for health insurance for which federal subsidies are available. Under the bill, OCI must create a mechanism, in collaboration with DOR, to track the number of persons who obtain health care coverage as a result of the OCI evaluations under the bill.

When an individual responds that they would like assistance OCI is required to connect the individual with a health insurance navigator who can assist them in finding suitable health insurance coverage. Additionally, OCI is required to create a program in collaboration with DOR to track the number of individuals who obtain health insurance coverage during each taxable year as a result of the eligibility evaluation performed.

In 2020, Governor Tony Evers' Health Care Coverage Partnership launched WisCovered.com as an accessible resource for consumers. By visiting WisCovered.com or calling 2-1-1, people can get connected with free, expert help like a health care navigator with Covering Wisconsin. OCI is already assisting individuals in finding suitable health insurance coverage through our WisCovered platform, however, our agency is unable to calculate the fiscal impact this legislation may have on a non-state entity like Covering Wisconsin.

Furthermore, OCI is unable to calculate the fiscal impact of creating a mechanism to track the number of persons to obtain health coverage because OCI will be connecting the individuals with non-profit health navigators.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications