

HF1349 - 0 - "Urgent Dental Care Pilot Project"

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
		FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

Executive Budget Officer's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with MMB's Fiscal Note policies.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
	Biennial Total			-		-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
	Biennial Total			-		-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
	Biennial Total			-		-

Bill Description

Section one of the bill directs the commissioner to create a pilot program in an effort to reduce costs for Minnesota Health Care Program recipients who present in hospital emergency rooms for preventable and non-emergency dental services. Section two of the bill would allow a designated critical access dental provider to receive critical access dental payments for services provided off site if certain criteria are met.

Assumptions

Section 1

This language requires DHS to authorize a pilot project to divert patients with dental emergencies away from the hospital emergency room to a dental provider. The language does not specify participating providers, describe a process for patient referral, or establish a payment rate for urgent care dental services. More specificity is needed on these three factors to determine the fiscal impact of this pilot project.

Section 2

The change in the criteria for critical access dentists and the specified payment methodology described in section 2 of the bill was enacted during the 2012 legislative session. The payment described was contingent on federal approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS determined that the payment methodology as proposed did not make payments directly to the provider who performed the procedure and is not consistent with federal regulations. DHS assumes that section 2 of the bill is not implementable as written, and there is no fiscal impact reflected in this estimate.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

N/A

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

None

Local Fiscal Impact

None

References/Sources

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