

HF1011 - 1E - "MA Coverage for Mental Health"

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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	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
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	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Bill Description

This bill permits licensed physician assistants (PAs) that complete 2,000 hours of clinical experience in the evaluation and treatment of mental health to render medication management and evaluation and management services in outpatient settings under the Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare programs. Physician assistants are currently authorized to provide these services in inpatient settings.

Assumptions

DHS does not maintain data on either the number of PAs supervised by the types of physicians listed in this bill or the number of these providers who have the 2,000 hours of clinical experience described in this bill.

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It is assumed that this would provide some recipients additional access to medication management and evaluation and management services, but the expansion would be small and offset by lower rates paid to these providers when compared to other mental health providers. Only physician assistants (PAs) who are supervised by physicians with specific certifications and who have 2,000 hours of clinical experience would be able to bill for these services in outpatient settings, and the rate paid to PAs is lower than psychiatrists and advanced practice nurses (APN). Therefore it is assumed the cost of any additional utilization resulting from this bill would be offset by the lower rate paid to PAs for services that would have otherwise been provided by a psychiatrist or Advanced Practice Nurse.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

None calculated

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Unknown

Local Fiscal Impact

None

References/Sources

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