

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB735

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Sturtevant

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Health insurance; denial of referral by direct primary care provider prohibited.

5. Summary: Prohibits a health insurance carrier from (i) denying payment for any health care service covered under an enrollee's health benefit plan based solely on the basis that such enrollee's referral was made by a direct primary care provider or (ii) imposing a cost-sharing requirement greater than the applicable cost-sharing requirement that would apply to the same health care service if the service was referred by a participating provider. The bill provides that a health insurance carrier may require a direct primary care provider to provide information demonstrating that such provider has entered into a direct primary care agreement with the enrollee.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary – see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Human Resource Management, the proposed legislation is expected to have an annual fiscal impact of \$104,000 on the state health insurance plan. Approximately half of this amount would be supported with general fund. The fiscal impact is not expected to change the health insurance premiums funded in SB 30.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Human Resource Management

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.