

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 21-0993/1 **Introduction Number** AB-0031

Description
State government response to COVID-19 pandemic, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
 - Increase Existing Revenues
 - Decrease Existing Revenues
 - Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes
 - No
 - Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
- 1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue
- Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue
- Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 - Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

- GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This legislation extends several Coronavirus pandemic policy provisions affecting the insurance industry that were enacted in 2019 Wisconsin Act 185 including:

- Liability insurance for physicians and nurse anesthetists
- Out-of-network costs related to health coverage
- Coverage of COVID-19 testing and vaccination without cost-sharing
- Coverage limits on certain prescription drugs

This legislation extends these specific Coronavirus policy provisions.

Additionally, this legislation would require coverage and testing of COVID-19 or any other communicable disease for frontline health care workers infected or under investigation of having COVID-19 or any other communicable disease without imposing a copayment or coinsurance. Also, this legislation prohibits a health insurer from denying coverage for a treatment or service provided through telehealth if the treatment or service is covered under the policy or plan when provided in person by a health care provider.

Due to uncertainty around the length of the public health emergency, this bill's fiscal impact on the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance is indeterminate at this time.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.