



PEHP Response

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HB0139S02 - Telepsychiatric Consultation Access Amendments

Any Fiscal Impact - no

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This bill requires PEHP to cover certain telepsychiatric services. PEHP believes that this will improve access to psychiatric services without increasing costs because other parts of the healthcare system have been employed to meet this need. PEHP currently covers telemedicine mental health services. PEHP assumes that with passage of this bill that PEHP would be able to set commercially reasonable rates with a provider for telepsychiatric services through contract. If a provider is unwilling to accept commercially reasonable rates, then the services will be treated as out-of-network services, and the patient could be balance billed for amounts above the PEHP allowed rate. As such, PEHP does not expect any new costs resulting from this bill.