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HB0395S03 - Health Insurance Amendments

HB 395S03 (Dunnigan, J) Anticipated Fiscal Impact:

\$18,000 impact on an annual basis for state employees based on historical data

HB 395S03 requires payment of out-of-network emergency services at the median in-network contracted amount plus an additional 5%. It is estimated that this will cost the State \$8,000 on an annual basis.

There is also a requirement to pay physicians for out-of-network post stabilization care within 90 days of the emergency event at the median in-network contracted amount. Looking at non-emergency claims out-of-network that happened within 90 days after the emergency even during the period 10/1/2015 through 9/30/2016 we estimated that this policy would have cost \$10,000 if applied retroactively after excluding unlikely provider types like dialysis, ambulatory surgical centers, and skilled nursing facilities. It is likely that this new requirement would cause more ER follow-up care to happen in an out-of-network setting, but no adjustment was made to our estimate for that possibility due to the uncertainty around this assumption.