

HB 315 (Greene, B)

Health Insurance Athletic Trainer Services Amendments

Anticipated Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact for the 7/2018-6/2019 State risk pool plan year.

Assumptions:

HB 315 removes the ability for certain health plans to exclude athletic trainers as a class from their network panels. PEHP currently allows athletic trainers to participate in its networks according to Utah law and PEHP's network credentialing and other network requirements. However, PEHP typically reimburses athletic trainers at a lower rate for similar services than physical therapists or other rehabilitative service providers. PEHP notes that there are currently an overabundance of providers willing to perform rehabilitative services in the State. Because PEHP currently allows athletic trainers on its network and any increase in utilization would be offset by lower fees as compared to other rehabilitative services, we do not anticipate increased costs to the State Risk Pool from this bill.