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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1625-01
Bill No.: HB 460
Subject: Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Insurance - Medical; Physicians
Type: Original
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal limits the practice of health insurers who change or attempt to change any health service procedure code submitted by a physician for billing and reimbursement purposes.

If any health insurer changes or attempts to change any health service procedure code, the express written permission of a physician must be obtained and an examination of the patient's medical record must be conducted in order to determine the services provided by the physician.

If a dispute arises between a physician and a health insurer concerning a health service procedure code submission, the health insurer is responsible for establishing procedures for resolving the dispute.

The proposal also requires contracts between health insurers and physicians to clearly contain the health service procedure codes which are utilized by the contracting physician and are covered by the health insurer. The contracts must also list the fee, compensation, or reimbursement rate associated with each health service procedure code.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Department of Transportation
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 Missouri Highway Patrol
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