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FISCAL NOTE

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BILL NO.: HCS for HB 1932
SUBJECT: Health Care; Insurance - Medical; Medical Procedures and Personnel
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 20, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2001 | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
| All funds | (Unknown) | (Unknown) | (Unknown) |
| General Revenue* | (Unknown) | (Unknown) | (Unknown) |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on All State Funds* | (UNKNOWN) | (UNKNOWN) | (UNKNOWN) |

*Expected to exceed \$100,000 annually.

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2001 | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
| Federal | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on All Federal Funds* | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

*Unknown revenues and expenditures net to \$0.

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2001 | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Conservation**, the **Department of Health**, the **Department of Transportation**, and the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

Department of Social Services (DOS) - Division of Medical Services (DMS) officials state they would be affected by this proposal because they administer a managed care program which contracts with health maintenance organizations for the purpose of providing health care services through capitated rates. These health maintenance organizations would be subject to the requirements in this proposal. DMS assumes that any additional costs incurred by managed care contractors because of mandated federal or state laws would have an effect on the administrative costs included in future bids with the Medicaid program. DMS states the cost impact to DMS would be incurred when MC+ contracts are rebid. Currently the Medicaid managed care plans average a nine percent administrative cost built in to the capitation payments. Although it is not possible to predict capitation payment amounts that would be bid in future contracts, for the sake of perspective DMS has conservatively estimated a one percent increase in capitation payments due to increased administrative costs. DMS estimates the fiscal impact could range from \$0 to over \$5 million.

Officials from the **Department of Insurance (INS)** state that they anticipate that current appropriations would be able to absorb the expense of task force meetings, etc., but depending on the number of meetings and locations, they may need to request an increase in appropriations.

Officials from the **Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan (HCP)** state it is likely that there would be additional cost incurred by HMOs as a result of increased litigation and removal of the "hold harmless" clause. HCP states it is likely that this cost would be passed through to members in the form of increased premiums. The direct fiscal impact is unknown but could be extremely significant depending upon the nature of the cases. HCP states that most carriers currently allow providers thirty to sixty days to file a claim. Allowing providers one year to file a claim could affect the plans cost projections and utilization data and the reports they have to provide to HCP. Projections may become skewed if additional data is received and processed one year after occurring. The data is also provided in the report card providing members with a valuable tool to measure the health plans. HCP states the requirements that plans must confirm receipt of a claim within twenty-four hours, post information on the internet, notify both parents of a child's coverage, provide standardized explanation of benefits and referrals, notify the pharmacist, primary care physician, and the enrollee of an approved non-formulary drug in cases of medically necessity appeals, and removes the requirement that providers have to participate in

ASSUMPTION (continued)

all health plans offered by a carrier in order to participate. HCP states these requirements would cause the plans to incur additional administrative costs. HCP assumes these costs would be passed on in increased premiums. However, HCP states it is difficult to estimate the actual amount.

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| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2001 (10 Mo.) | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|

ALL FUNDS

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>Costs - All Funds</u> | | | |
| Increased state contributions | <u>(Unknown)</u> | <u>(Unknown)</u> | <u>(Unknown)</u> |

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|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON ALL FUNDS | <u>(UNKNOWN)</u> | <u>(UNKNOWN)</u> | <u>(UNKNOWN)</u> |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>Cost - Department of Social Services</u> | | | |
| Program specific expenditures* | <u>(Unknown)</u> | <u>(Unknown)</u> | <u>(Unknown)</u> |

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|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND* | <u>(UNKNOWN)</u> | <u>(UNKNOWN)</u> | <u>(UNKNOWN)</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|

***Expected to exceed \$100,000 annually.**

FEDERAL FUNDS

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| <u>Income - Department of Social Services</u> | | | |
| Medicaid reimbursements | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown |

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|---------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>Cost - Department of Social Services</u> | | | |
| Program specific expenditures | <u>(Unknown)</u> | <u>(Unknown)</u> | <u>(Unknown)</u> |

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS* | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|

***Unknown revenues and expenditures net to \$0.**

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2001 (10 Mo.) | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small health maintenance organizations may be fiscally impacted to the extent they may incur additional administrative costs due to the requirements of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would change provisions of law relating to managed care. In its major provisions, the proposal would: (1) clarify that Section 354.603, RSMo, would not require providers to submit copies of their income tax returns to a health carrier. The entity may require a provider to obtain audited financial statements if the provider receives 10% or more of the total medical expenditures made by the health carrier; (2) specify that the "prompt pay" provisions of Section 376.383 apply after a health carrier receives a claim for a health care service. The current statute would apply when a carrier receives a claim from a person entitled to reimbursement. The carrier would also be required to provide, within 45 days of receiving the claim, a complete description of all additional information that is necessary to process the entire claim; (3) allow a person who has filed a claim for reimbursement for a health care service to file a civil action against a carrier for violations of the "prompt pay" provisions of Section 376.383. The court may award attorney fees and costs to a prevailing plaintiff unless the court finds that the carrier's position was substantially justified; (4) require health carriers, when processing claims, to permit providers to file confirmation numbers of authorized services and claims for reimbursement in the same format, to allow providers to file claims for reimbursement for a period of at least one year following the provision of a health care service, to issue within 24 hours an electronic confirmation of receiving a claim for reimbursement, and to accept all medical codes and modifiers used by the Health Care Financing Administration; (5) require health carriers to furnish providers with a current fee schedule for reimbursement amounts of covered services; (6) prohibit carriers from requesting a refund against a claim more than 6 months after the provider has filed the claim except in cases of fraud or misrepresentation by the provider; (7) require health carriers to provide Internet access to a current provider directory; (8) require health carriers to inform enrollees of any denial of health care coverage. The explanation must be in plain language that is easy for a layperson to understand; (9) prohibit "hold harmless" clauses that would require a health care provider to assume the sole liability of the provision of health care services; (10) prohibit health carriers from requiring a health care provider to agree to participate in all health care plans operated by the health carrier as a condition for participating in one plan; (11) prohibit health carriers from requiring health care providers to participate in lease business if the health carrier leases its provider network to another health carrier without

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the provider's consent; (12) require group insurers to issue to enrollees a card that would include a telephone number for the plan and a brief description of the enrollee's type of health care plan; (13) require insurers to provide both parents of a covered child with coverage information regardless of whether the parent is the primary policyholder; (14) require health carriers to notify the pharmacist, primary care physician, and enrollee when a nonformulary drug would be authorized for a limited period of time; (15) allow a health carrier to retract a prior authorization of a health care service if the enrollee's coverage under the plan has exceeded the enrollee's lifetime or annual benefits limit. Certification of a health care service would be deemed to be an authorization of a health care service; and (16) require health carriers to use, after January 1, 2002, standardized forms for referrals and the explanation of benefits. The Department of Insurance must establish a task force to develop the standardized forms.

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

Department of Insurance
Department of Social Services
Department of Transportation
Department of Conservation
Department of Health
Department of Public Safety
Missouri State Highway Patrol
Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan



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