

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
NO FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING ELIMINATION OF THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCLOSURE OF MENTAL HEALTH CLAIMS INFORMATION BY SMALL GROUP HEALTH PLANS.

Summary of Legislation

This bill repeals the prohibition on disclosure of certain mental health information by small group carriers, thereby allowing the information to be reported to the all-payer health claims database.

Background

Under current law, small group health plans are prohibited from disclosing a person's mental health history, diagnosis, or treatment information unless the insured person provides written consent. The all-payer health claims database was established under House Bill 10-1330 and is administered by the Center for Improving Value in Health Care, a non-profit established in 2011. The database includes claims data from private health insurance companies, as well as Medicare and Medicaid. The state has access to cost and utilization information contained in the database.

Assessment

This bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact because it does not increase costs or workload for any state agency.

Departments Contacted

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