



PEHP Response

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SB0106 - Mental Health Services in Schools

Any Fiscal Impact - yes

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This bill would reverse PEHPs current practice of denying covered mental health services provided by or at a school. It is very difficult for PEHP to estimate the impact of this cost on the State Health Insurance Pool because we dont know how often schools are providing these services without billing PEHP for them.

What we know is as follows:

There are 17,983 school age children (age 5-17) in the State Health Insurance Pool or about 2.6% of the 650,000 or so school age children in the state.

Of those, 1,489 children had a mental health service billed to PEHP in 2018 with an average cost of \$108.20/visit. In total, there were 12,833 mental health visits for these children or 8.62/child.

PEHP received and denied 251 claims for 43 children from school-based providers or 5.8/child. The State health plan would pay an average of \$64.92/visit would be \$16,294.92 for the Pool, with the state portion at \$13,769.20.

Consequently, we can say the following:

The cost impact to the state of paying for covered school-based mental health services billed to PEHP in 2018 would have been \$13,769.20.

PEHP only received 251 school-based claims for 43 children. We assume the schools provided more covered mental health services to the 17,983 children in the State Health Insurance Pool than was billed to PEHP. We believe we could come up with a reasonable estimate on this portion if we knew the total number of children served by schools and the total number of services provided to them from which we could extrapolate.

In sum, the known cost of this bill to the State is \$13,769.20. The unknown cost is the amount of covered services being provided by or at the schools that are not being submitted as claims

to PEHP.

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State Revenue - no

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Local Government - no

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Business / Individual - no

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