

HB 252, HEALTH INSURANCE ATHLETIC TRAINER SERVICES MODIFICATIONS, (Last, B)

Anticipated Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact

HB 252 removes the ability for certain health plans to exclude athletic trainers as a class from their network panels and would consider an athletic trainer as a “health care provider” that provides “health care.” The bill does not, however, require an insurer to cover athletic training services. PEHP currently allows athletic trainers to participate in its networks according to Utah law and PEHP’s network credentialing and other network requirements. PEHP does not cover athletic training services, but only covers rehabilitative services, such as physical therapy, following an injury or illness which athletic trainers can provide. Because PEHP currently allows athletic trainers on its network, the bill does not expand the scope of covered services, and any services provided by an athletic trainer would apply toward existing benefit limits, we do not anticipate increased costs to the State Health Insurance Risk Pool from this bill.