

**HB 456, HEALTH CARE FACILITY BALANCE BILLING
AMENDMENTS, (Dunnigan, J)**

**No Anticipated Fiscal Impact on the State Health
Insurance Risk Pool**

This bill establishes a statutory hospital reimbursement rate for out-of-network emergency care at the median contract rate of that hospital. The purpose of the bill is to give patients protection against hospitals charging them the full amount of the hospital's bill above what an insurer pays – a practice called balance billing.

PEHP currently contracts with every hospital in Utah for out-of-network emergency services. PEHP does not believe that this bill would alter its current approach or that of its contracted hospitals because emergency services are a small part of those contracts and the benchmark created in this bill is sufficiently close to what PEHP currently pays.

As such, we would not anticipate that this bill would financially impact the state health insurance risk pool.