

SB 155, MEDICAL BILLING AMENDMENTS, (Mayne, K)

Anticipated Fiscal Impact:

none

This bill requires medical facilities and providers to submit a report to the State Insurance Department of any balance billing (charges billed to a patient above the insurance allowed/contracted amount) that a medical provider has engaged in during a certain period. PEHP has agreements with providers to protect against balance billing, particularly in emergency situations, though some out-of-network providers still balance bill patients. Because the requirements of the bill apply to providers, we do not anticipate any additional costs to the state health insurance risk pool.