

HB 59S02 – First Responder Mental Health Amendments (Rep Eliason)

Anticipated Fiscal Impact for the State Health Plan: \$9,000 annually for State Risk Pool

Summary

2 Sub HB 59 clarifies that first responders mental health benefits for retirees and separated employees would apply for three years following the first mental health treatment, which may be after separation or retirement. PEHP would not see this change as having any change on the previously provided fiscal impact.

Thus, assuming this substitute bill applies to State employees and retirees, we would estimate an increase of costs of an additional \$9,000/year in EAP expenses above what it currently pays for active employees - which includes \$6,000 for retiree spouses as we discussed in our first response to this bill, and \$3,000 for certain separated employees and spouses. For both separated employees and spouses and retiree spouses, we would expect an additional 90 visits per year at an average of \$100/visit.

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