

4th Sub HB 71 HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS (Eliason, Steve)

Anticipated Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact to the state employee health plan

HB 71 requires health plans to pay for mental health services when an in-network provider is not available and also requires health plans to meet various standards for provider directories. PEHP has determined that it can access much of this information through a service it has recently contracted with as part of its new claims processing system. Further PEHP will change its provider portal to require providers to update information regularly. The bill will also require health plans to keep track of information related to preauthorizations that can also be done using existing technology. In light of changes in the 3rd Substitute and the ability to meet these requirements by leveraging existing technology and service arrangements, there would no additional fiscal impact to PEHP or the state.