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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 654 (Senator Collins)

Finance

Insurance Carriers - Compensation of Health Care Practitioners

This bill prohibits an insurer, a nonprofit health service plan, an HMO, a dental plan organization, or a third party administrator (carrier) from charging a health care practitioner a fee or other form of monetary assessment as a condition of being on the carrier's provider panel.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal. Health care providers that are small businesses would not have to pay any fees prohibited by the bill.

Analysis

Current Law: Carriers may charge providers a fee for participation on their provider panels.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Identical legislation was introduced in the 1999 session as SB 602. The bill was not reported from the Senate Finance Committee.

Cross File: None.

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