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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 461

(Senator Klausmeier)

Finance

Health Insurance - Pharmacies - Electronic Reimbursement

This bill requires a health insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or HMO (carrier) that provides prescription drug coverage and requires a pharmacy to submit a request for payment electronically to reimburse that pharmacy electronically at the pharmacy's request.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill pertains exclusively to private sector activities.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal. Electronic reimbursement could reduce small business pharmacy administrative costs.

Analysis

Current Law: Beginning October 1, 2004, the Medicaid program is required to reimburse a pharmacy electronically, upon request, if Medicaid requires the pharmacy to submit its request for reimbursement electronically (Chapter 242 of 2003).

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 512 (Delegates Morhaim and Elliott) – Health and Government Operations.

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