

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 628

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron O'Bannon

3. Committee Commerce and Labor

4. Title Adjusting health maintenance organization requirements for Medicaid recipients or Family Access to Medical Insurance Security participants

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill removes the requirement that Medicaid health maintenance organizations (HMOs) include in the evidence of coverage a statement entitling any Medicaid recipient or Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) participants to conversion of their coverage to an individual contract and conforms the requirements for explanation of benefits for Medicaid recipients and FAMIS participants to the standards prescribed in the State Plan for Medical Assistance Services and the FAMIS State Plan. Statutory requirements will not apply to the extent such requirements differ from the Department of Medical Assistance Services' standards. A second enactment clause declares this provision to be an emergency and to become effective upon passage.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: This bill as it is currently written does not have a fiscal impact. However, if it is not implemented, the agency estimates that HMOs may incur a cost in the future; thereby creating a barrier to participation in Medicaid and FAMIS.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Medical Assistance Services

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources