

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2019 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 1640

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

**2. Patron:** Ransone, Margaret B.

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Health carriers; services provided by nurse practitioners

**5. Summary:** The enrolled bill requires health insurers and health service plan providers whose policies or contracts cover services that may be legally performed by licensed nurse practitioners to provide equal coverage for such services when rendered by a licensed nurse practitioner. The bill's provisions are exempt from an assessment by the Health Insurance Reform Commission and its provisions become effective on October 1, 2019.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Minimal Fiscal Impact**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Human Resource Management estimates that this bill would generate a nominal savings to the state health plan. Typically negotiated contract rates for nurse practitioners are not significantly different than those for physicians as services rendered have more weight on reimbursement than who is servicing them.

The Department for Medical Assistance Services indicates that all plans are currently in compliance with the provisions of this bill, therefore no fiscal impact is expected.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

Department of Human Resource Management

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is a companion to SB 1178.