

State Corporation Commission

2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB218

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Orrock

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses.

4. Title: Health insurance; health care provider panels; continuity of care.

5. Summary: Requires a provider to continue to render health care services to any of the carrier's enrollees who have an existing provider-patient relationship with the provider for a period of at least 90 days from the date of a provider's termination from the carrier's provider panel, except when a provider is terminated for cause. The bill provides that for an enrollee who has an existing provider-patient relationship with a provider, and, at the time of the provider's termination, (i) has been medically confirmed to be pregnant, the provider is required to continue care through the postpartum period; (ii) is determined to be terminally ill, the provider is required to continue care for the remainder of the enrollee's life; (iii) has been determined by a medical professional to have a life-threatening condition, the provider is required to continue care for up to 180 days; and (iv) is admitted to and receiving treatment in an inpatient facility, the provider is required to continue care until the enrollee is discharged from the inpatient facility. Under current law, the carrier is required to permit the provider to provide such continuity of care. The bill provides that the continuity of care provisions also apply to plans administered by the Department of Medical Assistance Services that provide benefits pursuant to Title XIX or Title XXI of the Social Security Act.

6. Budget amendment necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Fiscal impact estimate is final.

8. Fiscal Implications: No fiscal impact on the State Corporation Commission. Any fiscal impact on the Department of Medical Assistance Services is not yet reported.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance, the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None