

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 973

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: Black

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Enrolled provider database for Medicaid and FAMIS

5. Summary: The bill requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to develop and maintain a database of all health care providers currently eligible for reimbursement for medical assistance services provided under Medicaid and the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) Plan, and a program for checking each claim for reimbursement against the database prior to payment to verify eligibility of the provider seeking reimbursement and identify improper claims for payments.

The bill contains a second enactment clause requiring the department to report annually by December 1, on the implementation of the database and program, including any costs and savings.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill has no fiscal impact because DMAS already has a database of enrolled providers in the Medicaid and FAMIS programs. A provider that wants to participate in Medicaid and FAMIS must apply through a provider enrollment process. This process ensures that all providers meet the federal and state requirements to be a provider in these programs. The agency already has a process for eliminating providers from the database if the provider agreement or contract is terminated. In addition, the agency has an electronic process that on a weekly basis checks a database at the Department of Health Professions to verify if the license, registration or certification of a provider has been denied, revoked or is no longer valid for any other reason. The agency then removes that provider as an eligible provider of Medicaid and FAMIS services.

Prior to any claim being paid from the Medicaid and FAMIS programs, DMAS' claims system checks the provider database to ensure the provider is enrolled and therefore eligible for payment. This process prevents improper payments to ineligible providers. Therefore, the bill has no fiscal impact on the state, because DMAS already complies with the requirements of the bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Medical Assistance Services and Department of Health Professions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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