

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1178

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

2. Patron: Sturtevant

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

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

5. Summary: The enrolled bill requires health insurers and health services 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 contains an enactment that exempts the measure from the requirement that the Health Insurance Reform Commission review any legislative measure containing a mandated health insurance benefit or provider. The bill has a delayed effective date of 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 HB 1640.