

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1682

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: Samirah

3. Committee: Labor and Commerce

4. Title: Health benefit plans; coding for adverse childhood experiences

5. Summary: The proposed legislation requires any carrier that offers a health benefit plan that provides coverage for screening of covered persons for adverse childhood experiences (ACE) that may impact a patient's physical or mental health or the provision of health care services to such patient to utilize a coding system that enrolls a code for such screening services.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is one of the avenues by which providers could receive reimbursement for the screening of ACEs. Under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit, children and their caregivers can receive mental health screenings and the providers are reimbursed for the service. These screenings have been previously identified as services with low utilization, and thus implementation of this effort may require DMAS to provide explicit billing guidance for providers. As the associated Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes that are used for ACEs are currently covered, DMAS estimates this bill will have no fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Human Resources Management
Department of Medical Assistance Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None