

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB903

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

2. Patron: Srinivasan

3. Committee: Labor and Commerce

4. Title: Health insurance; cost-sharing requirements for the treatment of cancer; prohibited.

5. Summary: Prohibits any (i) insurer proposing to issue individual or group accident and sickness insurance policies providing hospital, medical and surgical, or major medical coverage on an expense-incurred basis; (ii) corporation providing individual or group accident and sickness subscription contracts; and (iii) health maintenance organization providing a health care plan for health care services from imposing (a) any cost-sharing requirement for the treatment of cancer and (b) if the policy, contract, or plan, including any certificate or evidence of coverage issued in connection with such policy, contract, or plan, includes coverage for medicines, any cost-sharing requirement for a covered prescription drug for the treatment of cancer for an enrollee who is 18 years of age or younger under such policy, contract, or plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in the Commonwealth. The bill applies with respect to health plans and provider contracts entered into, amended, extended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2025.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary – see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is expected to have a minimal fiscal impact on the state health plan. According to the Department of Human Resource Management, the estimated annual fiscal impact to the state health plan is \$284,000. The fiscal impact of the proposed legislation is not expected to change the health insurance premiums funded in HB 30.

According to the State Corporation Commission, qualified health plans (QHPs) sold through the Health Benefit Exchange are not impacted by the provisions of this bill. Section 38.2-6506 A 1, Code of Virginia, states that if services are identified in addition to the ones contained in the state's Benchmark Plan, QHPs sold through the Exchange would not be required to cover these services; therefore, the proposed legislation would not require defrayal of costs to insurers.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Human Resource Management and State Corporation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Line 25, after cancer, strike “in” and insert “for”.

11. Other Comments: None.