

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 727 - SB 1133

February 19, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds expedited external review procedures for covered persons with a cancer diagnosis under the *Tennessee Health Carrier Grievance and External Review Procedure Act*.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 56-61-102(32)(A), urgent care request means a request for a healthcare service or course of treatment with respect to which the time periods for making non-urgent care request determinations (1) could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the covered person or the ability of the covered person to regain maximum function; or (2) in the opinion of a physician with knowledge of the covered person's medical condition, would subject the covered person to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the healthcare service or treatment that is the subject of the request.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Finance and Administration, the Division of Benefits Administration (Benefits Administration) contracts with third party administrators for utilization review services. There were only 2 expedited reviews related to cancer in 2017; therefore, the fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.
- The proposed legislation exempts TennCare, but not CoverKids; however, any fiscal impact to CoverKids is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI), the proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on DCI's existing programs and policies; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

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Assumption:

- Any fiscal impact on third party administrators is estimated to be not significant; therefore, the proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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