FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7273  DATE PREPARED: Feb 11, 1999
BILL NUMBER: HB 1331  BILL AMENDED: Feb 10, 1999

SUBJECT: Insurance Coverage for Infertility Treatment.

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Funds Affected:

GENERAL  IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires a group health insurance policy or health maintenance organization (HMO) contract that provides pregnancy related benefits to offer to provide coverage for the diagnosis of infertility and coverage for specified infertility treatment procedures in certain circumstances. The bill exempts policies issued to religious organizations if the fertility treatment procedures offend religious beliefs. It also prohibits coverage for procedures that involve the disposal of fertilized eggs.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill requires group health insurance policies and HMO plans that provide pregnancy benefits to also offer to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility. There would be no fiscal impact to the state due to this provision.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Keith Beesley, Department of Personnel, 232-3062.

Griffin, Martha, and William F. Panak, Ph.D., “The Economic Cost of Infertility-Related Services: An Examination of the Massachusetts Infertility Insurance Mandate”, Fertility and Sterility, Vol. 70, No. 1, July