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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB49 by Nelson (Relating to the electronic submission of certain health care transactions.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to allow the issuer of a health benefit plan to require that a health care professional licensed or registered under the Occupations Code, or a health care facility licensed under the Health and Safety Code, submit a health care claim or equivalent encounter information, a referral certification, or an authorization or eligibility transaction electronically.

The bill would require the Texas Department of Insurance's Health and Licensing Program's Health Maintenance Organization section to add a new review element to provider contracts. Based on the analysis of the Texas Department of Insurance, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 454 Department of Insurance, 504 Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, 508 Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 512 Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners

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