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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: SB698 by Van de Putte (Relating to required disclosures to health benefit plan enrollees regarding professional services provided by certain non-network health care providers.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would amend the Insurance Code relating to required disclosures to health benefit plan enrollees regarding professional services provided by certain non-network health care providers. Based on the analysis of the Department of Insurance, it is assumed that duties, responsibilities and any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote in each house. If the bill does not receive a two-thirds vote in each house, the bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 454 Department of Insurance

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