

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**April 10, 2007**

**TO:** Honorable Dianne White Delisi, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

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

**IN RE: HB2964** by Coleman (Relating to mental health services for women with postpartum depression.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to provide mental health services to women diagnosed with postpartum depression who are eligible for Medicaid. HHSC indicates that a federal waiver would be required to provide this benefit in the Medicaid program. It is assumed the fiscal impact of the bill could be absorbed within the existing budget of HHSC, based on estimates of the number of women who would be eligible for the benefit.

The bill would also require certain health benefit plans to provide coverage for postpartum depression. It is assumed the bill would not have a significant fiscal impact on the Employees Retirement System of Texas insurance program, because the benefit required by the bill is currently provided.

Based on the analysis of the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), the bill would result in 102 additional filings and a one-time revenue gain in the General Revenue - Dedicated Account Fund 36 of \$10,200 in fiscal year 2008. Since General Revenue - Dedicated Account Fund 36 is a self-leveling account, this analysis assumes all revenue generated would go toward fund balances or the maintenance tax would be set to recover a lower level of revenue the following year.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 454 Department of Insurance, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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