

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

February 23, 2009

TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

IN RE: SB288 by Nelson (Relating to the review of a Medicaid recipient's electronic medication history by a Medicaid provider.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to adopt rules requiring a Medicaid provider to review a patient's medication history contained in an electronic health record prior to providing a health service. This would be required only in instances where the provider has access to such a record. Since electronic health records are only available for a limited number of Medicaid clients (foster care health passport), the agency assumed no significant change in provider review processes. However, if HHSC were required to broadly implement electronic health records, there would likely be implementation costs related to information technology.

HHSC assumes the cost of implementing the rules could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission

LBB Staff: JOB, CL, PP, MB