



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 182** SLS 25RS 350

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Health/Medicaid		
Subject: Medicaid Prior Authorization during Declared Emergency		Analyst: Anthony Shamis

MEDICAID

EG NO IMPACT See Note

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Provides relative to Medicaid prior authorization during a declared emergency. (8/1/25)

Proposed law suspends prior authorization for Medicaid during a state of emergency declared by the governor to ensure uninterrupted access to medically necessary oncology health care, including diagnostic treatments, medication, and supportive services essential for cancer treatment.

Proposed law requires Medicaid to reimburse for medically necessary oncologic drugs, services, equipment, supplies, and therapies provided to Medicaid recipients without requiring prior authorization.

Proposed law requires Medicaid to reimburse any out of state provider that provided essential oncologic care, including chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and diagnostic imaging to Louisiana Medicaid recipients who evacuated out-of-state without requiring prior authorization.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The fiscal impact associated with suspending Prior Authorization (PA) requirements for Medicaid recipients undergoing cancer treatment during a declared state of emergency is indeterminable. The PA suspension shall only apply to Medicaid recipients undergoing cancer treatment within the designated emergency area.

LDH states it has the authority and routinely suspends PA during declared emergencies. Based on historical experience, the department anticipates no significant measurable impact from suspending PA in certain disaster situations.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules


House

☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}



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