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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: SB 129 SLS 25RS 334

Bill Text Version: ENGROSSED

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> May 5, 2025	10:35 AM	<b>Author:</b> PRESSLY
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Insurance		
<b>Subject:</b> Required Proton Therapy Coverage for Cancer		<b>Analyst:</b> Anthony Shamis

INSURERS

EG NO IMPACT See Note

Requires health insurers to cover proton therapy for cancer patients. (8/1/25)

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Proposed law requires health plans to cover proton therapy treatment for cancer patients.

Proposed law allows coverage required under this legislation to be subject to annual deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments established under the health coverage plan.

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
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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

Proposed law requiring health insurers to cover Proton Beam Therapy (PBT) is not anticipated to have an expenditure impact on the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) or the Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI), as both OGB self-funded plans and much of the insurance industry already cover PBT and are in line with the American Society for Radiation Oncology standards. OGB reports that, per their Third Party Administrator (TPA) Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana, the clinical practice guidelines they utilize for PBT are aligned with the clinical practice guidelines of the American Society for Radiation Oncology.

Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), any state benefit mandate through legislative regulatory action, that exceeds what is considered an EHB would be subject to state defrayal costs. LDI reports that PBT is already covered through the health insurance exchange as an Essential Health Benefit (EHB), so there will be no SGF defrayal costs paid out by the state Treasury Department as a result of this legislation.

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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