



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 819** HLS 26RS 1128
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Redefines medical treatment schedule; workers comp		

WORKERS COMPENSATION RE INCREASE SG EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to the medical treatment schedule under workers' compensation

Present law defines the term "schedule" as the medical treatment schedule to be developed by the medical advisory council and promulgated by the office and the assistant secretary of Louisiana Works.

Proposed law provides a supplement to the current medical treatment schedule with the Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) published by Milliman Care Guidelines (MCG). Proposed law provides for tacit approval of procedures approved within the schedule. Proposed law establishes a termination date two years after enactment if no reduction of the average costs of medical care, services, and treatment is realized under the updated medical treatment schedule.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The Office of Risk Management (ORM) reports that proposed law is anticipated to increase SGR expenditures by a significant but indeterminable amount. The expenditure of other sources are also anticipated to increase by an indeterminable amount, as state agencies pay workers compensation utilizing all MOF.

Proposed law supplements the existing medical treatment schedule with the "Official Disability Guidelines" (ODG) by Milliman Care Guidelines (MCG). Proposed law is anticipated to result in increased expenditures due to the proposed tacit approval of treatments contained within the schedule. ORM reports that over the last three years \$14.8 M in claims have been denied, or approximately \$5 M annually. ORM is currently researching the number of claims that would have been tacitly approved out of this total. If additional detail becomes available from ORM, this fiscal note will be updated to reflect the revised totals or clarify the magnitude of any potential cost exposure. Additionally, ORM reports that an indeterminable increase for legal expenses may be accrued to litigate disputes under the new system.

A sunset provision has been included to terminate the continued use of ODG in the event that after two years a reduction of the average costs of medical care, services, and treatment under the updated medical treatment schedule fails to materialize. In the event that the medical treatment schedule reverts solely to the medical advisory council, tacit approval of the schedule, as identified in this bill, still appears to remain in effect and may have an indeterminable impact on future expenditures.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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