

February 17, 2020

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 352C-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2633 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2633 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2633 would require health plans that offer dental services to provide information regarding an insured's dental benefit coverage; accept claims from dentists that are formatted and transmitted in any manner authorized by law; and provide one or more methods of payment or reimbursement that provide a dentist with 100.0 percent of the contracted amount of the payment or reimbursement. The bill would require a health insurer that offers dental services to have a website that provides resources to dentists and insureds. A health insurer would be prohibited from reducing benefit payment amounts as a result of an error by the health insurer or deducting overpayments of claims.

For dental services requiring prior authorization, health insurers must provide the treating dentist with a prior authorization within 30 days of the date that the treating dentist submits a request for prior authorization. The bill includes the criteria under which claims for dental services requiring prior authorization may be denied. The provisions of the bill would become effective on January 1, 2021.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the bill would have no fiscal effect on the State Employee Health Plan. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment notes that the services included in HB 2633 are already being performed by the State Employee Health Plan dental services vendor.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment