BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 55th Legislature

Bill No.: HB 1567
Version: Committee Substitute
Request Number: 6775
Author: Rep. Mulready
Date: 2/14/2015
Impact: Potential Savings: Between
\$4,000,000 and \$8,000,000

Research Analysis

HB 1567, as introduced, changes the guidelines under which OMES produces specifications for the health insurance plan it offers. Deductibles and coinsurance would now be based on contracts, which may be based on levels of outcomes, cost, or type of provider.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 1567 removes the restriction on HealthChoice plan designs which are currently prohibited from including different member cost-sharing (deductibles, copayments, and co-insurance) features for different providers performing the same service. Removing this restriction would allow for plan designs that incentivize patients to utilize lower cost providers where appropriate. Depending on plan design incentives and patient choices, total annual savings resulting from a shift to lower cost providers is estimated to total approximately \$4 to \$8 million under current HealthChoice network provider contracts.

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Other Considerations

None.

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