BILL SUMMARY

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Impact: OMES: Minimal

Research Analysis

SB 1264 requires health benefit plans to cover clinical genetic testing for inherited gene mutations and evidence-based cancer imaging when recommended by a health care provider. The coverage applies to individuals at increased risk of cancer and is not subject to annual deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance limits. If coverage would result in health savings account ineligibility, the measure only applies to health savings accounts with qualified high deductible health plans.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 1264 requires health benefit plans to provide coverage for clinical genetic testing for inherited gene mutations and evidence-based cancer imaging for individuals with an increased risk of cancer.

Officials from the Employees Group Insurance Division with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES-EGID) confirmed HealthChoice currently provides such coverage as recommended by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) clinical practice guidelines. However, the current plan applies member cost share (deductible, coinsurance, copays) where appropriate, which is prohibited by SB 1264. As a result, officials estimate an annual fiscal impact of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) based on current utilization. Considering the overall total claims spend, OMES confirmed the impact to be minimal and absorbed within the department's current budgetary resources.

Officials from the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) do not anticipate this measure to impact Medicaid costs as they currently act in accordance with the recommendations and guidelines of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN).

Therefore, in its current form, this measure is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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