



TO: Commissioners

FROM: Kenneth Yeates-Trotman, Director, Center for Analysis and Information Systems

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RE: Update on Mandated Health Insurance Services Evaluation: Health Insurance – Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits – Required Coverage and Reimbursement – Senate Bill 108

MHCC staff contracted with Axene Health Partners (Axene), an actuarial consulting firm, to evaluate the social, medical, and financial impact of Senate Bill 108, which was introduced during the 2023 legislative session and did not pass. The legislation would have required health insurance carriers to provide coverage and to reimburse for an annual behavioral health wellness visit on the same basis and at the same rate as an annual wellness visit for somatic health. Axene presented the assessment findings at last month's Commissioner's meeting, which took place on November 16, 2023. However, the Commissioners did not favor the report and presentation of the results as the format of the financial results did not follow past reports presented at the Commission. As a result, the Commissioners requested a revision of the report by Axene to show the financial results of the study in terms of the impact of premiums on a per-member-per-month basis. Since then, MHCC staff have worked with Axene on the revisions to the report.

Below is a summary of the financial impact of the legislation.

1. The mandate is expected to increase premium by about 0.05% or \$0.37 per member per month (PMPM) in 2025
2. There will be a 2% annual increase in the percentage of patients receiving treatment because of the mandate.
3. There will be a medical savings of 2.5% of total costs or \$0.04 PMPM for each new patient.

These results are shown in the attached revised report which also includes the social and medical impacts of the legislation.

MHCC staff seek Commissioners approval of the report which is due to the Senate Finance Committee at the end of the year, 2023.