

March 4, 2015

The Honorable Jeff Longbine, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance
Statehouse, Room 235-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Longbine:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 172 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 172 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 172 would afford patients the opportunity to obtain estimates from insurance entities for the costs of medical services and associated out of pocket costs. It establishes a timeline within which to provide the information, requires the information to be also available through toll free phone lines and websites, and makes the estimate binding for the maximum allowed. Additionally, in the event the patient receives the services for a lesser cost, the carriers are then required to share the associated savings with the patient by paying the patient 50.0 percent of the saved cost unless the saved cost is \$25 or less.

The Kansas Insurance Department states that the costs of complying with the new requirements for health insurance carriers and health care providers could be passed on to all end use purchasers of health insurance, including state and local governmental entities.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Glenda Haverkamp, Insurance Department
Aaron Dunkel, KDHE