



## PEHP Response

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### **SB0203 - Physician Assistant Amendments**

Any Fiscal Impact - no

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SB 203 allows a physician assistant to perform certain statutorily identified functions that are currently limited to a physician. In the vast majority of cases, physician assistants bill under the authority of a physician for the full physician rate rather than under their own authority for which they receive 15% less on average. The bill does not expand the scope or type of services that could be provided by a physician assistant. As such, we do not believe that SB 203 will change the current billing practices of physicians and physician assistants or the costs currently paid for by the State Health Insurance Risk Pool for physician assistant services.