



PEHP Response

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- Assisted Outpatient Treatment for Mental Illness

Any Fiscal Impact - yes

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This bill requires health insurers to cover assisted outpatient treatment for mental health even if ordered by a court. PEHP currently covers outpatient mental health treatment, but excludes any treatment that is ordered by a court.

PEHP has reviewed the expected incidence of adults in Utah needing assisted outpatient treatment at <https://mentalillnesspolicy.org/national-studies/aotbystatecosts.html> as 1015. The State currently covers 44,496 adults, or .05% of the State adult population. Without other factors, PEHP would expect to see an increase of 24 individuals (44,496 x .05% rounded) in the State Health Plan that would qualify and need assisted outpatient treatment. However, PEHP believes that it would be appropriate to reduce this number by 25% as compared to the general population given the employment status of State Health Plan members, for a total of 18 individuals.

Based on its claims experience, PEHP estimates costs of current intensive outpatient mental health treatment for an individual as \$3,193/year. However, PEHP believes that those needing assisted outpatient treatment will likely be higher risk and will incur an additional 25% of services. Therefore, the expected costs per individual is \$3,991/year.

The total expected costs for the State would be 18 individual x \$3,991 = \$71,838.

Finally, as a practical matter, it is possible that PEHP would pay for these individuals regardless of this bill because of the difficulty in identifying those who would be required to undergo outpatient treatment by court order. There is a code that indicates when a service is court ordered but it is not always used by providers.

PEHP - no

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State Revenue - no

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Local Government - yes

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Yes, through their insurance plans.

Business / Individual - yes

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This increases insurance costs to the extent impacted by state regulation.

