



PEHP Response

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SB0019S01 - Expanded Infertility Treatment Coverage Pilot Program Amendments

Any Fiscal Impact - yes

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The state plan offers a \$4,000 adoption benefit. In 2018, the Legislature created a three-year Pilot Program that allows the \$4,000 adoption benefit to instead be applied to infertility treatment, also known as assisted reproductive technologies (ART), on a lifetime basis. 1st Sub SB 19 would amend and extend the pilot.

The cost of the Pilot includes ART procedures, maternity costs, and a higher incidence of complications. However, not all birth-related ART costs can be attributed to the Pilot because Utah families use ART to have children, regardless of the availability of the \$4,000 ART benefit, and the State Medical Pool pays for these births on the same basis as any other. The State Medical pays about \$1.37M annually for these births.

Through the first two years of the Pilot the annual cost attributable to the pilot has been \$722,107 for 41 members with 5 delivery results pending and one ART result unknown. This is in addition to the \$1.37M baseline mentioned above.

Because the cost of newborn complications is significantly higher for multiple births due to ART, 1st Sub SB 19 amends the Pilot by eliminating the once-a-lifetime limit while conditioning payment of the \$4,000 benefit to single embryo transfers. This would increase the cost of ART-related costs while decreasing the incidence and cost of complications from 8% to 4%. The resulting annual cost of the Pilot would be \$321,429.

Under the terms of the bill, costs would be paid for from State Medical Reserves above the minimum required level of 50 days. State reserves are currently over 100 days. Most administrative costs have already been incurred in setting up the Pilot. Additional administrative costs could be handled within existing budgets.

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State Revenue - no

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Local Government - no

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Business / Individual - no

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