



## PEHP Response

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### **SB0027S01 - Physician Assistant Act Amendments**

Any Fiscal Impact - no

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This substitute bill would alter the requirement that a physician assistant must practice under the supervision of a physician. This bill would allow a physician assistant to contract directly with insurers and bill for services without supervision. Currently, physicians are allowed to charge for physician assistant services which they supervise. As physician assistants typically bill on average 15% lower amounts than physicians, health plans may see some savings if physician assistants no longer bill under the physician's name. However, the amount of physician assistants that will be willing and able to bill separately is unknown. Thus, while it is possible this bill could result in savings, it should not add costs to the state employee health plan.