

1 Sub SB 152, COST SHARING AMENDMENTS,(Bramble, C)

Anticipated Fiscal Impact:

\$0 no fiscal impact for the State employee benefit plan.

Summary

This substitute bill requires a health plan to count copay assistance toward a member's plan cost sharing – such as the deductible or out-of-pocket maximum – or to be considered a “qualifying health benefit plan.”

The State employee benefit plan will be a qualifying health benefit plan. PEHP will need to make some administrative adjustments in its plans in order to qualify as a plan, but expects these changes not to have a fiscal impact on the plan or the State.

Other education or local government entities that PEHP covers other than the State will have the option to modify their plan design to be an “qualifying health benefit plan” or will comply with counting copay assistance toward member cost sharing as required by the bill. For public employers PEHP covers, we would expect no fiscal impact as the savings from additional copay assistance available will offset any costs. For other public plans that are not covered by PEHP, we would cost to be 22% of the cost of the original bill of \$2.59 PMPM for a total cost of \$0.57 PMPM.