
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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SB 510 (Pan) - Health care coverage: COVID-19 cost sharing

Version: April 12, 2021

Urgency: Yes

Hearing Date: May 20, 2021

Policy Vote: HEALTH 9 - 1

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Karen French

Bill Summary: Requires health plans and insurers, *excluding specialized health care service plan contracts or health insurance policy*, to cover the costs associated with testing and immunization for COVID-19, without cost-sharing, prior authorization, utilization management, or in-network requirements; and provide this coverage for future public health emergencies.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on May 20, 2021

Fiscal Impact: SB 510 will have no fiscal impact for the duration of federal regulations:

- a) DMHC reports that the impact of SB 510 is minor and absorbable
Based on the CHBRP carrier survey, 100% of enrollees and insureds currently have coverage for COVID-19 tests and vaccinations with no cost sharing for the enrollee and insured and no balance billing, in compliance with federal regulations
- b) The California Health Benefits Review Program (CHBRP) analysis of SB 510 concluded from their survey that, 100% of enrollees and insureds currently have coverage for COVID-19 tests and vaccinations with no cost sharing for the enrollee and insured and no balance billing, in compliance with federal regulations.
- c) The Department of Insurance has not responded with fiscal impact at this time
Because this bill is not limited to the current pandemic, the ongoing fiscal impact of this measure post pandemic is unknown, but potentially significant.

Author Amendments: Amend to make provisions retroactive to the beginning of the pandemic.

Committee Amendments: None

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