FINANCIAL IMPACT ESTIMATING CONFERENCE

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PHYSICIAN SHALL CHARGE THE SAME FEE FOR THE SAME HEALTH CARE SERVICE TO EVERY PATIENT, #03-40

The overall financial impact of this amendment on state and local governments, while substantial, cannot be fully determined. If doctors change the fees they accept because of this amendment, annual state Medicaid cost increases well in excess of \$150 million are expected. Furthermore, the amendment could significantly increase the cost of other medical care delivered or paid for by state and local governments.