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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6968

BILL NUMBER: HB 1718

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 14, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Apr 10, 2003

SUBJECT: Itemized Statements for County Home Medical Care.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Klinker

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Alting

BILL STATUS: As Passed - Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services to submit to each county home an itemized monthly statement of the medical payments made by the Family and Social Services Administration on behalf of a resident of a county home if the resident has given written consent.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon Passage

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill requires the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) to submit an itemized statement of medical payments to county homes beginning July 1, 2004. The report production is considered a general administrative expense and will not require additional resources given FSSA's current staff and resources. However, FSSA may incur costs in obtaining consent to release this information.

This bill requires the statements to include the patient's name, service code for service provider, amount requested by the provider, and the amount paid by the Office. The FSSA will have to secure signed informed consent forms from each resident of a county home in order to release the required information. County homes do not provide medical services. Consequently, they cannot receive statements of medical services and payments for county home residents, without the residents' consent. As of January 7, 2003, there were 370 residents in the 20 county homes. The cost of securing signed statements from all county home residents is unknown and subject to administrative action.

The bill also requires FSSA to allow a county home access to statements through a secure connection over the Internet. FSSA states that due to HIPPA compliance implementation efforts, work on a secure Internet

connection would begin in November 2003. The design and implementation of this site can be done internally at no additional cost.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected: County Homes.

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