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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6096
BILL NUMBER: SB 326

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 6, 2009
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Out-of-Network Health Provider Payments.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Gard
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill specifies requirements concerning health benefit payments to providers that have not entered into payment agreements with health carriers.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill could have an impact on expenditures if an insurer or health maintenance organization (HMO) experiences an increase in administrative costs associated with the provisions and the insurer or HMO passes the costs on to the state or local government. The specific impact is indeterminable.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: All.

Local Agencies Affected: Local units with health benefit coverage for employees.

Information Sources:

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