State Corporation Commission 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2099ER Patron: Maldonado

Bill Title: Health insurance; carrier contracts; required provisions regarding prior authorization for

health care services; work group; report.

Bill Summary: Requires certain health insurance contracts under which an insurance carrier has the right or obligation to require prior authorization for a health care service, as defined in the bill, to include provisions governing the prior authorization process. Such required provisions include (i) time limits for a carrier to respond to prior authorization requests, (ii) prohibitions against a carrier requiring prior authorization for certain health care services, and (iii) requiring a carrier to provide reasons for denial of a request. The bill requires a carrier to make publicly available on its website a list of health care services and codes for which prior authorization is required. The foregoing provisions have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2027.

The bill requires the State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance to establish a work group to develop and deliver a report related to the bill's provisions by November 1, 2025.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No. Items Impacted: None.

Explanation: Not applicable.

Fiscal Summary: The proposed legislation is expected to have a minimal fiscal impact for the State Corporation Commission's (SCC) Bureau of Insurance (BOI).

General Fund Expenditure Impact: None.

Nongeneral Fund Expenditure Impact: Minimal.

Position Impact: None.

Fiscal Analysis: The proposed legislation is expected to have a minimal fiscal impact for BOI. The bill directs BOI to establish a work group about prior authorization and to submit a report by November 1, 2025. The cost to convene this work group and produce its report can be absorbed within BOI's current operating budget and would not require a budget amendment. However, the SCC notes that there are several legislative proposals advancing in the 2025 Regular Session that require the BOI to conduct a study, write a report, or lead a work group. The cumulative effect of enactment of these types of proposals may exceed BOI's capacity and may result in the need for additional appropriations, positions, or both.

Other: This bill is identical to SB1215.