

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.400**

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TO:	The Honorable Robert W. "Wes" Hayes, Jr., Chairperson, Senate Banking and Insurance Committee		
FROM:	State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Medicare Supplement Policies		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The Bill would amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 38-71-225 that would establish certain requirements for issuing Medicare Supplement policies. This Bill requires the Department of Insurance to promulgate regulations establishing specific standards for Medicare Supplement policy provisions and minimum standards for benefits, claims payment, marketing practices. The Bill would amend Section 38-71-530 in order to provide that Medicare Supplement policies must comply with the Act and regulations promulgated pursuant to it and amend Section 38-71-730 to provide that a group policy that is primarily a Medicare Supplement policy must equal but may exceed the minimum standards as provided for in this Bill.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Insurance expects no fiscal impact on the General Fund of this State.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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