

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 919**

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 919, amends Section 43-7-60 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as it relates to false claims, statements, and representations for the purpose of qualifying for and receiving payment for and reimbursement of Medicaid claims and benefits, by making it illegal for an individual to engage in the prohibited conduct. The Bill also expands the offenses and penalties for the violation of these new provisions. The Bill also expands the powers of the Attorney General or his designee in the enforcement of the new offenses.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Corrections

The Department reports that this Bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which the agency can absorb at their current level of Funding.

Judicial Department

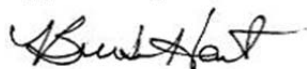
Office of Attorney General

The Agencies indicate that this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

DHHS reports the Bill could create either a potential cost or a potential savings to the agency based on whether restitution for fraudulent claims will be provided. If restitution is not provided to the agency, DHHS indicates it would have to refund the federal share to the Federal government from its operating budget. If restitution is provided, DHHS notes there would be a savings to the agency based on the state share returned for those fraudulent claims.

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