

# Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title:	SB0448.01: G	enerally revise laws re	lated to paymer	nts made by health	carriers
Primary Sponsor:	Vince Ricci		Status:	As Introduced	
☐ Included in the Executive Budget		☐ Needs to be included in HB 2		☐ Significant Local Gov Impact	
☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts		☐ Technical Concerns		☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	
		FISCAL SU	JMMARY		
		FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Expenditures General Fund (01)		\$0	\$(	\$0	\$0
Revenues General Fund (0	1)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact General Fund F	Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

## Description of fiscal impact

SB 448 requires prompt payment of health care claims by health carriers in Montana. There is no fiscal impact to the state.

#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

1. SB 448 requires prompt payment of health care claims by health carriers in Montana. It establishes requirements for timely payments, defines "clean claims," outlines procedures for handling claims, and provides enforcement authority by the State Auditor's Office and the Department of Justice.

## Department of Administration

Although there is not a direct fiscal impact to the Department of Administration's Health Care and Benefits
Division, other costs could arise if the third-party provider for the State Health Benefits Plan needs to update
systems, or hire staff, to comply with the claim adjudication requirements in the bill.

### Department of Justice

 There is no fiscal impact to the Legal Services Division from this proposed legislation as SB 448 does not apply to the Appellate Services, Civil Services, Office of Consumer Protection, or the Prosecution Services Divisions.

### State Auditor's Office

- 4. The requirements within SB 448 could cause an increase in enforcement on the part of the State Auditor's Office (SAO). However, the office can cover the additional enforcement activities with existing staff.
- 5. SB 448 provides the SAO with the authority to impose administrative fees, restitution, or any other remedy available under state law, for non-compliance with this bill. This revenue would be deposited to the general fund.

6. The SAO is not able to estimate the additional assessments and collections that may be received.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

3/4/2025

Date