

**Local Government Mandate Statement
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 892

Bill #: HB 63

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Bill Title: AN ACT relating to coverage for annual pap smears.

Sponsor: Representaative Kim Banta

Unit of Government: City County Urban-County
Unified Local
 Charter County Consolidated Local Government

Office(s) Impacted: all local governments that offer health insurance that covers medical or surgical services for treatment of cervical cancer.

Requirement: Mandatory Optional

Effect on
Powers & Duties: Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

HB 63 would amend various sections of KRS Chapter 304 to require that any health insurance policy, plan, certificate, or contract (hereinafter, “health insurance policy”) that covers medical or surgical services for cervical cancer shall cover an annual pap smear, without referral from a primary care provider. No cost-sharing requirement may be imposed. If application of these requirements would cause a health insurance policy’s failure to qualify as a Health Savings Account-qualified High Deductible Health Plan under federal law, the requirement would not apply to that policy until the federal minimum deductible was satisfied.

Section 6 of the bill would amend KRS 18A.225 to apply the requirement specifically to any fully insured or self-insured health benefit plan issued or renewed to public employees, including local government employees participating in the Kentucky Employees Health Plan. The requirements would apply to all health insurance policies issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025.

HB 63 would have no fiscal impact on premiums paid by local governments that offer insurance policies that cover preventive services. Pap smears are a preventive service and the Kentucky League of Cities states that most cities' health insurance plans cover this service. The requirements of HB 63 could increase premiums for cities that provide health insurance plans that do not cover preventive services and so have an indeterminable negative fiscal impact on those cities.

The Kentucky Association of Counties was contacted for input on this mandate analysis. As of the date of this mandate statement, no reply has been received. If a reply is received, the statement may be amended accordingly.

Data Source(s): Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet; Kentucky League of Cities

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