Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2024 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1366								
Bill #: HB 768								
Document ID #: 4672								
Bill Title: AN ACT relating to coverage for cranial conditions.								
Sponsor: Representative Kimberley Poore Moser								
Unit of Government:XCityXCountyXUrban-CountyXCharter CountyXConsolidated LocalXGovernment								
Office(s) Impacted: Human resources.								
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional								
Effect on Powers & Duties: X Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing								

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

HB 768 would require all health benefit plans provide coverage for the treatment of plagiocephaly, also known as flat head syndrome, including cranial banding. Coverage would not require utilization or other review. If application of these requirements to a qualified health plan would result in the state being required to defray the cost of the requirement according to federal law, the requirement would not apply to the qualified health plan until the cost defrayal requirement no longer applies.

Section 6 of the bill would amend KRS 18A.225 (effective January 1, 2025) to apply the requirements to the Kentucky Employees Health Plan (KEHP).

Section 7 would establish that Sections 1, 2, 5 and 6 of the bill would apply to health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025.

If the cabinet determines that federal authorization is necessary to implement **Sections 3** or **4** of the bill, the cabinet is required to request the authorization and delay implementation only of those provisions needing federal authorization until it is issued.

Sections 1 to 7 of the bill would take effect January 1, 2025.

HB 768 would have no or minimal fiscal impact on local governments. Treatment for plagiocephaly is covered by most health benefit plans as a medical condition. Plagiocephaly is deemed a medical condition when measurements of the baby's head indicate it is moderately to severely deformed. Most health insurers will accept a letter from a physician stating that a cranial orthosis, or helmet molding therapy, is necessary.

Data Source(s):	Kentucky	Association of	Counties;	Kentucky	League of	f Cities; LRC staff

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