

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

127th General Assembly of Ohio

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BILL: **H.B. 493** DATE: **April 15, 2008**
STATUS: **As Introduced** SPONSOR: **Rep. Daniels**
LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — No local cost**
CONTENTS: **Revises the law regarding billing for anatomic pathology services**

State Fiscal Highlights

| STATE FUND | FY 2009 | FY 2010 | FUTURE YEARS |
|--|--|--|--|
| Fund 5C6 (State Medical Board Operating Fund) | | | |
| Revenues | - 0 - | - 0 - | - 0 - |
| Expenditures | Potential minimal increase in administrative costs | Potential minimal increase in administrative costs | Potential minimal increase in administrative costs |

Note: The state fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. For example, FY 2009 is July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.

- The bill may result in a minimal increase in administrative costs for the State Medical Board associated with addressing violations of the provisions regarding billing for anatomic pathology services.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.



Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill establishes restrictions regarding billing for anatomic pathology services. The bill prohibits a clinical laboratory or a physician from presenting, or causing to be presented, a claim, bill, or demand for payment for anatomic pathology services to any person other than the following: the patient or other person responsible for the patient's bills, the patient's insurer or other third-party payor, a hospital or clinic that orders the services, a referring clinical laboratory, or a governmental agency or person acting on behalf of such an agency. The bill also prohibits a physician from charging, billing, or otherwise soliciting payment, directly or indirectly, for anatomic pathology services unless the services are personally rendered by the physician or rendered under the direct supervision of the physician in accordance with federal law governing the certification of clinical laboratories.

OAC 5101:3-11-08 specifies the limits on reimbursement for anatomic pathology services for patients receiving services under the Medicaid program. This bill will not affect state costs for the Medicaid program.

The bill also authorizes the State Medical Board to take disciplinary action against a physician who violates the provisions of the bill. Under current law, the State Medical Board does not have the authority to take action directly related to billing. Presently, the Board generally directs individuals with billing disputes to the professional associations, Department of Insurance, or the provider in question. The Board does not expect a significant number of complaints to be filed related to these provisions. However, if a violation occurs, there may be a minimal increase in administrative costs to the Board associated with taking disciplinary action.

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