



**149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	SENATE BILL NO. 227
SPONSOR:	Senator Townsend
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16, TITLE 18, AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PRIMARY CARE SERVICES.

Assumptions:

1. This Act shall take effect 30 days from the date of enactment.
2. This Act seeks to amend Title 16, Title 18, and Title 29 of the Delaware Code related to primary care services.
3. This Act promotes the use of primary care services by creating a Primary Care Reform Collaborative under the Delaware Health Care Commission. This Act requires all health insurance providers to participate in the Delaware Health Care Claims Database and requires individual, group and State employee insurance plans to reimburse primary care physicians, certified nurse practitioners, physician assistants and front-line practitioners for chronic care management and primary care at no less than the physician Medicare rate for the next 3 years.
4. According to the Statewide Benefits Office, the estimated cost to reimburse primary care physicians at no less than the physician Medicare rate is \$2,100,000 to the Group Health Insurance for all state active employees, dependents and non-Medicare retiree and dependent members.

Cost: Group Health Insurance Plan

Fiscal Year 2019:	\$2,100,000
Fiscal Year 2020:	\$2,100,000
Fiscal Year 2021:	\$2,100,000

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