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The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through SEN. GOMES of the 23rd Dist. and SEN. MINER of the 30th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AUGMENTING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR RADIOLOGY SERVICES UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2017, the
2 chairperson of the Workers' Compensation Commission shall augment
3 the fee schedule for radiology current procedural terminology (CPT)
4 codes 72131, 72141, 72146, 72148, 72158, 73218, 73221, 73222, 73718 and
5 73721 under chapter 568 of the general statutes by fifteen per cent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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LAB Joint Favorable

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 18 \$	FY 19 \$
Department of Administrative Services - Workers' Comp. Claims and Various State Agencies	GF&TF - Cost	At least 21,000	At least 21,000
UConn Health Ctr.	GF - Revenue Gain	5,000 - 13,000	5,000 - 13,000
Workers' Compensation Com.	WCF - Cost	Up to 22,000	None

Note: GF&TF=General Fund & Transportation Fund; WCF=Workers' Compensation Fund;

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 18 \$	FY 19 \$
All Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - Cost	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

Explanation

The bill will result in a cost to the state workers' compensation program of at least \$21,000 annually from a 15% increase on certain radiology procedures.¹ Currently, reimbursement for the procedures listed in the bill range from \$403 to \$851 per procedure. The actual cost will depend on the services utilized by injured employees. The bill may result in a cost to the state Workers' Compensation Commission of up to \$22,000 in FY 18 to update the hospital and physician fee schedules to reflect the increased radiology reimbursement rates. Currently, an outside vendor updates the fee schedules on an annual basis. The cost will depend on whether the vendor can update the schedules as a matter of normal practice or if it is considered an

¹ Estimate is based on paid claims for radiology procedures listed in the bill for FY 16.

additional update to comply with the time frames in the bill. The hospital fee schedule was updated as of April 1st and the physician fee schedule was updated as of July 1st.

There will be an annual revenue gain of between \$5,000 and \$13,000 for the University of Connecticut Health Center from increased radiology reimbursement for workers' compensation patients at the Health Center.

There will be a cost to municipal workers' compensation programs which will depend on the utilization of services by injured employees for self-insured plans. The cost to fully-insured municipal plans will be reflected in premiums for coverage effective after July 1, 2018.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the utilization of services by injured workers and any future impact on premiums for fully-insured municipalities.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/09/2017)