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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR McSorley ORIGINAL DATE 2/12/2016
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Coronary Calcium Scan in Medicare and Medicaid SM 86

ANALYST Boerner

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Not Received From
Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 86 requests that members of the United States congress be urged to support legislation to cover the cost of coronary calcium scans in Medicare and Medicaid social health care programs

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None noted.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, a coronary calcium scan is most useful for people who are at moderate risk for heart attacks. One can calculate the 10-year risk using a Risk Assessment Tool from the National Cholesterol Education Program.

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A coronary calcium scan is a test that looks for specks of calcium in the walls of the coronary heart arteries. These specks of calcium are called calcifications. Calcifications in the coronary arteries are an early sign of coronary heart disease (CHD). CHD is a disease in which a waxy substance called plaque builds up in the coronary arteries.

People who are at moderate risk have a 10–20 percent chance of having a heart attack within the next 10 years. The coronary calcium scan may help doctors decide who within this group needs treatment.

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