



The Big Sky Country

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPONSOR'S REBUTTAL TO FISCAL NOTE

House Bill Number: HB 299

Date Prepared: Feb. 17, 2021

Short Title: Revise insurance requirements for diabetes self-management education

Sponsor: Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell

Generally, why do you disagree with the fiscal note?

I contest this fiscal note because it incorrectly calculated the cost per 30 minute visit and overstated the fiscal cost to state revenues.

Specifically, what in the fiscal note do you feel is flawed?

The first fiscal note for HB 299 incorrectly assumed each training & education visit equals 1 hour of training at \$161 per hour. Drafters of the second fiscal note correctly changed the visit time from one hour to 30 minutes, per HB 299, yet they incorrectly left the original one-hour visit cost. They neglected to half the price from \$161 to \$80 or \$81, which is the approximate typical cost for one 30-minute visit. It appears drafters of the fiscal note mistakenly used the hourly price of \$161 to charge for one 30-minute visit. indicated.

What is your estimate of the fiscal impact?

The fiscal cost to state revenues would actually be approximately half of what is stated. So instead of \$41,626 for FY 2022, the actual cost would be about \$20,000. Instead of \$65,000 for FY 2023, the cost would actually be about \$32,500. And so on. Thank you for your consideration.

Sponsor Signature:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Ann Dunwell", written over a horizontal line.