

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26754

The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that routine medical care costs will be covered by a patient's insurance plan while a patient is enrolled in a clinical trial. Clinical research is an essential element in advancing health care, improving patient outcomes and reducing the cost of health care. Sponsors of clinical trials are required by federal law to cover all research-related costs in a clinical trial. This legislation ensures that health benefit plans cover the costs for the same standard of care a patient would receive if they were not in a clinical trial, while not being required to pay for the costs of the trial itself.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to any state or local funds because it does not create any new state program and does not compel any state action

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