

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS33336 / H0655

This legislation establishes a prior authorization exemption for certain physicians who provide substantial preceptorship training to graduate medical students in Idaho, particularly in rural and underserved communities.

Physicians practicing in primary care, psychiatry, or obstetrics and gynecology who provide at least 360 hours of qualifying preceptorship in a calendar year, with at least 60 percent of those hours occurring in qualified rural areas, are eligible for a twelve-month exemption from prior authorization requirements for medically necessary services billed to Idaho Medicaid managed care plans and state-contracted insurers.

The bill directs the Department of Health and Welfare to verify reported preceptorship hours and administer the exemption and allows insurers to rescind exemptions if claims fail to meet medical necessity standards. Annual participation is limited to one hundred physicians per eligible specialty. The legislation is intended to encourage physician participation in training programs, strengthen Idaho's healthcare workforce pipeline, and improve access to care in rural and underserved areas.

### FISCAL NOTE

This legislation is not expected to have a significant impact on the state General Fund. Administrative responsibilities related to verification and exemption administration are expected to be absorbed by the Department of Health and Welfare within existing resources.

Any fiscal impact associated with reduced prior authorization activity or potential changes in utilization is expected to be minimal, indeterminate, and managed within existing Medicaid managed care contracts.

**Contact:**

Representative Josh Wheeler  
(208) 332-1000  
Representative Dori Healey  
(208) 332-1000

**DISCLAIMER:** This statement of purpose and fiscal note are a mere attachment to this bill and prepared by a proponent of the bill. It is neither intended as an expression of legislative intent nor intended for any use outside of the legislative process, including judicial review (Joint Rule 18).