

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/10, 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires medical assistance coverage of prescription drugs that are immunosuppressant drugs or drugs for treatment of seizures, cancer, HIV or AIDS. Establishes June 30, 2016 sunset date. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Proposed amendment
- Access to appropriate medication
- Cost-effective treatment for HIV/AIDS

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Establishes June 30, 2016 sunset date.

BACKGROUND: In 2001, the Legislative Assembly established the Medicaid preferred drug list (PDL). These drugs are part of the legislative carve out that protects patient access to mental health medications. Currently, prior authorization of certain Medicaid prescriptions is subject to the final word of the prescribing practitioner.

Senate Bill 1570-A restores and maintains the assurance of open access for these classes of drugs.