

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference

Vote: 3 - 2 - 0

Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Verger, Morrisette

Nays: George G., Kruse

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Meeting Dates: 3/12, 3/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the Department of Human Services (DHS) to require prescribing practitioner to request prior authorization of payment for medically appropriate drugs not listed on the Practitioner-Managed Prescription Drug Plan drug list. Prohibits DHS from requiring prior authorization for antipsychotic medications.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential savings to Oregon Health Plan
- How classes of medications are selected for review for the drug list
- Management of mental health conditions
- Process by which physicians would obtain authorization
- Prior authorization requirements from 2001 to 2003
- Opinions that other classes of medications should be exempt from prior authorization

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Prohibits DHS from requiring prior authorization for antipsychotic medications.

BACKGROUND: The Practitioner-Managed Prescription Drug Plan (PMPDP) was established in 2001 (SB 819) for Oregon Health Plan (OHP) clients receiving care on a fee-for-service basis. The PMPDP requires OHP to maintain a Plan Drug List (PDL) of the most effective drugs that can be obtained for enrollees at the best price. The list is developed using a public evidence-based review process. In the 2003 (HB 3624), the Legislature determined that DHS could not require practitioners to request prior authorization before prescribing pharmaceuticals not included on the PDL.