

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
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MEASURE NUMBER: HB 3022

STATUS: A Engrossed

SUBJECT: Authorizes practitioner to prescribe antibiotic drug to patient for use by patient and each sexual partner of patient to treat gonorrhea and chlamydia

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Human Services

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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
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EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

ANALYSIS: This measure authorizes a practitioner to prescribe an antibiotic drug to a patient for use by the patient and each partner of the patient for treatment of gonorrhea and chlamydia. The bill authorizes health professional regulatory boards to adopt rules permitting practitioners to practice this expedited partner therapy.

Passage of this measure will have a minimal fiscal impact on health professional regulatory boards, requiring the boards to write administrative rules. This activity will be carried out with existing staff and resources.

DHS reports that this bill does not have a fiscal impact on the agency. The bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide practitioners with informational material about gonorrhea and chlamydia to distribute to the patient and each of the patient partner. The department currently provides practitioners with this information.

Note that although the bill authorizes a practitioner to prescribe an antibiotic drug to a patient for use by the patient and each partner of the patient for treatment of gonorrhea and chlamydia, it does not address issues of payment. If the bill passes, DHS anticipates no fiscal impact on Oregon Health Plan costs because Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) would not allow the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) to pay for drugs for patients or partners who are not eligible for Medicaid.