

HB 2090

Relating to prescription drug coverage in the medical assistance program

HB 2090 removes the sunset on the Practitioner-Managed Prescription Drug Plan, also called the Preferred Drug List, for prescription drug coverage in medical assistance programs. The program is currently set to sunset on January 1, 2014. This bill continues the Preferred Drug List as it works now, related to drugs that treat physical health conditions.

The proposed amendment extends the sunset of the program four years, from January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2018, rather than removing the sunset altogether.

This bill results in a General Fund savings of \$7.4 million Total Funds and \$2.3 million General Fund for the Oregon Health Authority. That savings was included in the Governor's budget.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 2090 be amended and reported out do pass, as amended.

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Freeman
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Winters

Revenue:

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote:

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: May 31, 2013

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Extends the January 1, 2014 sunset to January 1, 2018 on provisions requiring the Oregon Health Authority to enforce the Practitioner-Managed Prescription Drug Plan, also called the Preferred Drug List (PDL) for prescription drug coverage in medical assistance programs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Rationale for not including mental health drugs in Preferred Drug List
- Fiscal impact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure. Extends the sunset date from January 2, 2014 to January 1, 2018 on provisions requiring the Oregon Health Authority to enforce the Practitioner-Managed Prescription Drug Plan, also called the Preferred Drug List (PDL) for prescription drug coverage in medical assistance programs.

BACKGROUND: In 2001, Senate Bill 819 was enacted, which required the creation of a Practitioner-Managed Prescription Drug Plan (PMPDP), an evidence-based program designed to give medical assistance patients access to the most effective prescription drugs appropriate for their condition while managing overall costs. The PMPDP currently has a January 2, 2014 sunset.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2090 - B

Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office

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Versions are Considered Official*

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Date: 5/28/2013

Measure Description:

Repeals operative date provision to require Oregon Health Authority to continue to use Practitioner-Managed Prescription Drug Plan for prescription drug coverage in medical assistance program on and after January 2, 2014.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

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:

House Bill 2090 B-Engrossed extends the sunset date from January 2, 2014 to January 1, 2018 on provisions requiring the Oregon Health Authority to enforce the Practitioner-Managed Prescription Drug Plan, also called the Preferred Drug List (PDL) for prescription drug coverage in medical assistance programs.

Without the extension of the sunset date provided by this bill, OHA would lose its authority to control costs through the use of the PDL, leading to higher costs for the Oregon Health Plan. For the 2013-15 biennium, OHA estimates the cost of not using the PDL for drugs that treat physical conditions to be approximately \$7.4 million Total Funds [\$2.3 million General Fund, \$4.7 Federal Funds, and \$0.4 million Other Funds].

Under current law, OHA has the authority (until January 2, 2014) to enforce the PDL for drugs that treat physical conditions, but not drugs that treat mental health conditions. The 2013-15 Governor's Budget assumes the continued enforcement of the PDL for drugs that treat physical conditions, and the addition of mental health and therapeutic class drugs with certain exceptions to the Preferred Drug List (PDL). OHA estimates the cost of not using the PDL for drugs that treat mental health conditions to be approximately \$9.3 million Total Funds [\$2.6 million General Fund, \$6.7 Federal Funds].

This bill, as amended, authorizes OHA to enforce the PDL for drugs that treat physical conditions, but not drugs that treat mental health conditions.

Without an enforceable mental health PDL, the OHA Medical Assistance Programs (MAP) budget would need to backfill the anticipated \$9.3 million Total Funds (\$2.6 million General Fund, \$6.7 Federal Funds) savings.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2090**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 2, after “amending” delete
2 the rest of the line.

3 In line 3, delete “and repealing”.

4 Delete lines 5 through 26 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1. Section 13, chapter 827, Oregon Laws 2009, is amended to**
6 **read:**

7 **“Sec. 13. (1) The amendments to ORS [*414.325 and*] 414.334 by [*sections***
8 ***7 to*] **section 10, chapter 827, Oregon Laws 2009, [*of this 2009 Act*] become**
9 **operative on January 2, 2014.****

10 **“(2) The amendments to ORS 414.325 by section 8, chapter 827,**
11 **Oregon Laws 2009, become operative on January 2, 2018.”.**

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