

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

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Meeting Dates: 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires health benefit plans with prescription drug benefits and coordinated care organizations to each adopt a policy for synchronization refill dates of patients' prescription drugs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Streamline paperwork process
- Assists in rural Oregon transportation issues
- Continuity of care
- Importance of medication management and lowering costs
- Medication adherence

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Medication synchronization allows patients to synchronize their medication refills all on a specified day during the month/or cycle, or according to the patient's plan, and facilitates a process to codify medication therapy management through increased engagement of the practitioner, the pharmacist and the patient.