

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Senate Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires that health benefit plan in integrated health care delivery system which reimburses for prescription drugs, reimburses the cost of consultation with patient or physician if: the pharmacist is part of integrated health care delivery system, purpose of consultation is to manage chronic condition, and pharmacist is working under supervision of physician. Applies to health benefit plans issued or renewed January 1, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Collaborative drug therapy management is a team approach in health care which allows pharmacists and physicians to create a written protocol authorizing the pharmacists to make certain decisions in patient care. This may include initiating, modifying, or continuing drug therapy for a specific patient. The protocol includes information specific to the dosage, frequency, duration, route, and administration of the drug. The agreement is intended to increase adherence to medication and detect adverse reactions. Pharmacists are not recognized with provider standing in the Social Security Act and therefore cannot bill for professional services to Medicare. Private insurance companies which follow Medicare do not pay for pharmacist direct patient care billings.