

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 841 - 7

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Measure Description:

Modifies requirements for health plan coverage of prescription drugs dispensed in accordance with synchronization policy.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), 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:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting Senate Bill 841 with the – 7 amendment from the Senate Committee on Health Care to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The bill requires a health plan to:

- Reimburse the cost of prescription drugs dispensed in accordance with the plan’s synchronization policy; and
- Prorate the copayment or adjust the copayment using a method approved by the Department of Consumer and Business Services for drugs dispensed in a less than 30-day supply for the purpose of synchronizing a patient’s prescription drug refills.
- Reimburse, fully, the dispensing fee for partially filled or refilled prescription drugs.

The bill specifies that these requirements do not apply to a prepaid group practice health plan with at least 200,000 enrollees in Oregon. In addition, the bill requires the Oregon Health Authority to implement synchronization policy for dispensing of prescription drugs to medical assistance recipients who are not enrolled in coordinated care organizations.

The bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Consumer and Business Services. The amount of this impact is still being determined.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required