

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 5/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires insurance to provide reimbursement for up to 90-day supply of previously dispensed eligible prescription drugs in certain circumstances, as specified.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Proposed -12 amendment clarifies language and removes provision that drug must be generic.

BACKGROUND: In the event of a major disaster Oregonians may be prevented from accessing chronic condition medication. A recent study aimed at medical relief teams during extreme weather and natural disasters found that medication refills were a common need, that a considerable number of patients lost medication during evacuation and it was difficult to fill prescriptions due to a lack of information from evacuees. Current insurance programs and health benefit plans often allow for up to a 90-day supply for chronic condition medications, however acquiring a 90-day supply can be cost prohibitive to the patient.

Senate Bill 93-A Requires insurance providers to reimburse patients 90-day supply of certain chronic condition medications.