

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 06/04/15

**Action:** Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

**Meeting Dates:** 05/21, 06/04

**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Boone, Esquivel, Evans, Huffman, Lively

Nays: 1 - Piluso

Exc: 1 - Parrish

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**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:**

- Health plan costs and flexibility
- Accounting for current dispensing practices
- Chronic condition medications are usually generic

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Clarifies language and includes generic drugs.

**BACKGROUND:**

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

Senate Bill 93-B requires insurance providers to reimburse patients for 90-day supplies of medications for certain chronic conditions.