

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Conference Committee On SB 93

MEASURE: SB 93 B*
CARRIER: Sen. Monnes Anderson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/19/15

Action: Senate Concur In House Amendments, Further Amend, And Repass.

Meeting Dates: 06/19

Vote:

Senate

Yeas: 3 - Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Steiner Hayward

House

Yeas: 3 - Greenlick, Huffman, Lively

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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. Clarifies that prescription benefit plan or a prescription drug benefit offered under a health benefit plan determines the reimbursement rates. Specifies that the provisions apply to contracts entered into or renewed on or after the effective date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Clarifies that a prescription benefit plan or a prescription drug benefit offered under a health benefit plan determines the reimbursement rates. Specifies that the provisions apply to contracts entered into or renewed on or after the effective date.

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 and specifies conditions.