

HB 4030 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies that pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) shall reimburse the cost of a specialty drug filled or refilled at a network pharmacy for individuals residing in a long-term care facility. Delays implementation of House Bill 2185 (2019) from January to July 1, 2021.

REVENUE: Revenue impact statement issued: no impact.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact statement issued: no impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) are intermediaries between health insurers, pharmacies, wholesalers, and manufacturers. Most health insurers contract with PBMs to provide third-party administrative services for insurer's pharmacy benefit, with the goal of cost-containment. PBM services can include claims processing, formulary, and benefit design (tiers, utilization management, cost-sharing), pharmacy network contracting, and rebate negotiation with manufacturers. Additional services PBMs provide include administration of mail order or specialty pharmacy services. Insurers can choose if and what services they contract with PBMs to perform on their behalf. In Oregon, PBMs are required to register with the Department of Consumer and Business Services. In 2019, House Bill 2185 passed, which established new restrictions on pharmacy benefit managers in Oregon including mail order, specialty pharmacy prescriptions, and reimbursement processes between PBMs and pharmacies.

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