

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2009-10 Legislative Session

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1865

PRINTER'S NO: 3590

PRIME SPONSOR: Burns

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	See Analysis

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 1865 adds Section 631.1 to the Insurance Company Law of 1921. The new subsection provides for oncology benefit design. The bill requires all group health insurance policies that provide coverage for intravenously administered cancer chemotherapy also provide coverage for orally administered chemotherapy with the same terms. The legislation includes language to prevent insurers from raising out of pocket costs for enrollees as a result of compliance with the law.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

While the Public Employees Benefit Trust Fund (PEBTF) is not specifically mentioned as an insurer under House Bill 1865, traditionally, PEBTF has aligned its benefit package with any benefits statutorily required of other insurers. Providing the oncology benefit under House Bill 1865 is estimated to cost a total of approximately \$100,000 annually, spread throughout commonwealth agency operating budgets. This fiscal analysis assumes that these minimal costs would not significantly impact commonwealth funds.

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