



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1698

PRINTERS NO. 3532

PRIME SPONSOR: Heffley

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1698 is a free standing act that would create the Abuse-Deterrent Opioid Analgesic Drug Products Coverage Act. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would institute coverage requirements for abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug products. If a health insurance carrier or health insurance plan provides coverage on its formulary, drug list or other lists of similar construct for at least one opioid analgesic drug product, then a health insurance carrier or health insurance plan must provide coverage for at least three abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug products in a manner that preserves therapeutic choice for prescribers and patients.

This bill also prohibits a health insurance carrier or health insurance plan from requiring an insured or enrollee to first use an opioid analgesic drug product that is not an abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug product before providing coverage for an abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug product.

For health insurance plans that are required to be filed with the Insurance Department or the Federal Government, this bill would apply to policies for which a form or rate is first approved on or after the effective date of this legislation. For health insurance plans that are not required to be filed with the Insurance Department or the Federal Government, this bill would apply to policies issued or renewed on or after 180 days after the effective date of the legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: June 22, 2016

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.