



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 195

PRINTERS NO. 167

PRIME SPONSOR: Nelson

COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND | FY 2018/19 | FY 2019/20 |
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| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |

SUMMARY:

House Bill 195 amends Title 40 (Insurance) concerning medication synchronization. It would take effect in 365 days.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 195 amends Title 40 by adding a new chapter concerning medication synchronization. It permits pharmacies to synchronize monthly medication fill dates for a patient so all their prescriptions are filled on the same day of the month. It also prohibits insurance plans from denying coverage for a partial fill of a prescription if it is done for the purpose of medication synchronization. Medication synchronization is defined as the coordination of prescription drug filling or refilling by a pharmacy or dispensing physician for a health insurance enrollee taking two or more maintenance medications for the purpose of improving medication adherence.

In addition, HB 195 requires that pharmacies will receive a full dispensing fee from the medication synchronization transaction and proration of patient copays.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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DATE: February 4, 2019

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