

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 195

PRINTER NO. 167

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 28, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Nelson

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 195 amends Title 40 (Insurance), providing for medication synchronization.

House Bill 195 amends Title 40 to allow pharmacies the ability to synchronize multiple medication fill dates by prohibiting insurers from denying coverage for prescriptions filled by medication synchronization on the basis that it is a partial fill of the prescription.

The bill defines “medication synchronization” 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.

The bill requires that pharmacies receive a full dispensing fee from the medication synchronization transaction and proration of patient copays.

This act shall take effect in 365 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 195 will have no significant fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. There may be some additional cost to the Pennsylvania Employees Benefit Trust Fund (PEBTF) from the additional full dispensing fees on the partial fill prescriptions; however, these additional fees will be limited to three times per year for each maintenance medication for a covered individual.