

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1201

PRINTER NO. 1769

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

April 21, 2022

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Pittman

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1201 amends the Insurance Company Law of 1921 by adding Section 635.8 (relating to coverage for refill of prescription eye drops.)

Health insurance policies issued or renewed in this Commonwealth shall provide coverage for prescription eye drop refills at 70 percent of the prescribed duration. Early refills shall be covered at 21 days for a 30-day supply, 42 days for a 60-day supply, and 63 days for a 90-day supply.

The eye drops must be prescribed by a health care practitioner and be a covered benefit. The number of refills may not exceed the number indicated on the original prescription.

The bill shall apply as follows:

- For health policies for which either rates or forms are required to be filed with the Insurance Department or the federal government, this act shall apply to policies first filed on or after the effective date;
- For health policies for which neither rates nor forms are required, this act shall apply to policies issued or renewed 180 days after the effective date; and
- This act shall apply to contracts between health care practitioners and insurers that are executed or renewed on or after 180 days after the effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 1201 will have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. This bill does not change the number of refills that an individual may receive; rather, it reduces the waiting period between prescription eye drops being refilled.