

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 81

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AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

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PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Phillips-Hill

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 81 amends the Pharmacy Act by permitting emergency medical services (EMS) providers to distribute Naloxone to a caregiver of a patient that has overdosed.

The bill permits an EMS provider to dispense a dose package so long as all of the following conditions have been met:

- A standing order issued by the Secretary of Health allows for the purchase of naloxone or a dose package by the public without prescription;
- The EMS provider determines that it is appropriate to dispense a dose package to an individual who is in a position to assist a patient who has experienced an opioid-related overdose event, based on the immediate circumstances surrounding the overdose event, including the accessibility of a pharmacy;
- The EMS provider must enter the date and contents of the dose package on the back of the dose package or another appropriate and readily retrievable record and sign the dose package or record; and
- The EMS provider may provide only one dose package, and the quantity of the dose package must be in conformity with the prescribed directions for use.

The bill clarifies that the dispensing of a dose package is voluntary on the part of an EMS provider and shall not create any obligation on the part of the EMS provider to dispense the dose package to a caregiver, nor shall the caregiver incur liability for not dispensing the dose package.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 81 will have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.