

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1185

Amendment Number: H1

Bill Subtitle: TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF PRESCRIPTION UNDER THE PHARMACY ACT.

Basic Change :

Representative Wright

House Amendment 1 -- Allows a pharmacist to shift the prescribed medication from one drug to another in the class without physician approval as long as it is less expensive and within the same therapeutic class.

Revenue Impact :

Small to no financial impact on plan. This type of shift occurs now but with prior knowledge by the physician.

Taxpayer Impact :

None

Resources Required :

None

Time Required :

None

Procedural Changes :

None -- our pharmacy claims system would simply see the new medication as the submitted claim and process or deny accordingly based on formulary and pricing structure.

Other Comments :

Amendment 1 -- reduces the notification time to 24 hours, requires notification to patient that substitution can be refused, but otherwise makes no major change to the bill. Substitution within a pharmacy "class" is still allowed with only post-notification to the prescribing physician.

Legal Analysis :

None