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FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Becker J.; Esgar Sen. Crowder	Bill Status:	House Health, Insurance, and Environment
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Bill Topic: PHARMACIST HEALTH CARE SERVICES COVERAGE

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** This bill requires health benefit plans to provide coverage for health services provided by a pharmacist if certain conditions are met. It will have no fiscal impact on state or local government.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, health benefit plans are required to provide coverage for health services provided by a pharmacist if certain conditions are met. This bill expands this requirement to health services provided by pharmacists who are located within designated health professional shortage areas. The bill does not require a health insurer to contract with a pharmacist.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

Given that pharmacists can already be reimbursed for providing health services under current law, expanding this coverage requirement to health services provided by pharmacists in health professional shortage areas is not expected to affect health insurance premiums. Therefore, the bill is not expected to affect costs, revenue, or workload for state or local government and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing
Personnel
Regulatory Agencies

Information Technology
Public Health and Environment