

HB 3082 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Levy E

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 04/01/25

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 8-1-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Diehl, Isadore, Javadi, McIntire, Munoz, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H

Nays: 1 - Harbick

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/25, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires prescription drug manufacturers to report to the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) by March 15 of each year on the total number of consumers who participated in every patient assistance program offered by the manufacturer. It specifies that reporting is required regardless of whether manufacturers must also report on the drug based on a price increase.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for better information regarding coupon usage
- Concerns regarding pharmaceutical manufacturer trade secrets and confidential information

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Prescription drug manufacturers commonly sponsor patient assistance programs (PAPs) that provide financial assistance to patients who cannot afford needed prescription medications. Many PAPs are designed to reduce consumer cost-sharing for high-cost specialty drugs that treat conditions such as cancer and rare diseases. PAPs are often drug-specific and have income limits as part of their eligibility criteria. While PAPs help provide access to medications for low-income individuals, they may induce patients to use more costly medications where cheaper alternatives may be available.

In 2018, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 4005, also known as the Prescription Drug Price Transparency Act, which required prescription drug manufacturers to annually report specified information to the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

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