



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 629(03)

An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Accessing Nonformulary Drugs and Drugs Used to Treat Serious Mental Illness

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-166)

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - All Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill clarifies requirements for accessing nonformulary drugs related to treating serious mental illness and eliminates a requirement that an enrollee in a health plan gain access to a clinically appropriate drug not otherwise covered by the health plan. The bill also clarifies that a carrier must approve a prior authorization for an equivalent nonformulary drug in the instance of a shortage of the formulary drug with no formulary equivalent. This will potentially increase costs to the State Employee Health Plan. A more precise estimate of the fiscal impact cannot be determined because it is not possible to predict hypothetical drug shortages, the number of impacted plan members, and subsequent costs.