



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 452

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 435

Senate, April 4, 2016

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF HEALTH CARRIERS' USE OF CLINICAL PATHWAYS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Insurance Commissioner
2 shall study health carriers' use of clinical pathways. Such study shall
3 include, but not be limited to, the types of clinical pathways adopted
4 by health carriers and the incentives offered by such health carriers for
5 health care providers to use or not use a clinical pathway. Not later
6 than January 1, 2017, the commissioner shall submit a report, in
7 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
8 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
9 cognizance of matters relating to insurance, summarizing the findings
10 of such study.

11 (b) As used in this section, "clinical pathway" means a structured
12 plan of care for a defined group of patients with a particular disease or
13 condition or who are undergoing a particular medical procedure or
14 service, that is used by a health carrier to manage quality of care,

15 standardize care processes or reduce or contain health care costs and
16 "health carrier" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-591a
17 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Insurance Dept.	IF - Cost	Up to \$30,000	None

Note: IF=Insurance Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Insurance Commissioner to study health carriers' use of clinical pathways and report to the Insurance Committee by January 1, 2017. The cost to the department is anticipated to be up to \$30,000 to hire a consultant to undertake the study.¹

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

¹ This assumes consulting costs of \$75 per hour, 20 hours per week for 20 weeks.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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