OLR Bill Analysis
HB 7261

AN ACT PROHIBITING REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCRIBING CLINICALLY INAPPROPRIATE QUANTITIES OF OUTPATIENT PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits certain health insurance policies that provide outpatient prescription drug coverage and mental health care benefits provided under state law, with state funds, or to state employees, from requiring a health care provider to prescribe an outpatient psychotropic drug in a quantity the provider deems clinically inappropriate.

The bill applies to individual or group health insurance policies delivered, issued, renewed, amended, or continued in Connecticut that cover (1) basic hospital expenses; (2) basic medical-surgical expenses; (3) major medical expenses; (4) hospital or medical services, including those provided under an HMO plan; or (5) single service ancillary health coverage, including vision, dental, or prescription drug coverage. Because of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), state insurance benefit mandates do not apply to self-insured benefit plans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 19   Nay 0   (03/14/2019)