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HB-6588

AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 8402), Senate "A" (LCO 9991)

House Calendar No.: 260

Senate Calendar No.: 436

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Savings	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact to the State resulting from the bill as amended, which prohibits health insurance policies that provide pharmaceutical benefits from prescribing a supply of psychotropic drugs that is larger than the prescribing provider deems clinically necessary. The provisions of the bill are consistent with the current contract between the state and its pharmacy benefit manager.

To the extent that the provisions of the bill change the volume of psychotropic drugs utilized and the rate paid for such drugs as determined by a plan's formulary, there is a potential minimal savings to fully-insured municipal plans that will be reflected in premiums for contracts effective after January 1, 2022.

Pursuant to federal law, self-insured plans are exempt from state

health insurance mandates.¹

Section 4 of the bill, which establishes task forces related to peer support and mental health services, has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for members of task forces.

House "A" changes the membership of the task forces established in the underlying bill and does not result in a fiscal impact.

Senate "A" eliminates the task force related to peer support services and has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to future premiums for fully insured municipal plans.

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¹The state employee and retiree health plan is currently a self-insured plan and therefore not required to comply with state health mandates; however, the plan has historically adopted all mandated health plan requirements.