
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6436

AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE STATUTES.

SUMMARY

This bill makes three unrelated changes to the insurance statutes.

First, it eliminates a requirement that the insurance commissioner contract with the UConn Center for Public Health and Health Policy (which no longer exists) to conduct reviews of mandated health benefits upon request of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. Instead, it allows him to contract with any actuary, actuarial firm, quality improvement clearinghouse, health policy research organization, or other independent expert necessary to conduct the reviews. By law, the reviews evaluate the social and financial impacts of the health benefits.

Next, the bill delays the annual due date for pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) to report prescription drug rebate information to the insurance commissioner by one month, from February 1 to March 1. It also delays the annual due date for the commissioner to report to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee on the PBMs' rebate reports, from March 1 to April 1.

Lastly, the bill allows, rather than requires as under current law, the insurance commissioner to adopt regulations to implement health insurance requirements for medically necessary wheelchair repairs and replacements. By law, an insurer cannot require a new prescription or prior authorization for the medically necessary repair or replacement of a complex rehabilitation technology wheelchair unless the original prescription is more than five years old.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except for the health benefit review program provision, which is effective October 1, 2025.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 1 (02/20/2025)