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BILL NUMBER: sSB 59  
FILE NUMBER:  
AMENDMENTS: Senate "A"

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT TO THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED (CONNPACE) PROGRAM"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Human Services, Appropriations

SUMMARY: This bill as amended makes changes to the Connecticut Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract to the Elderly and the Disabled (ConnPACE) Program. These include eliminating eligibility for individuals possessing insurance coverage of a deductible type (until such coverage is exhausted), effective July 1, 1992. Also, technical changes are made to facilitate the operation of the ConnPACE Manufacturer's Rebate Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 59

STATE IMPACT                    Implements a Provision in the Budget, Revenue Loss, see explanation below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT            None

STATE AGENCY(S)            Department on Aging

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

Savings, in the amount of \$1,450,000, have been reflected within SA 92-13 (the Appropriations Act) for SFY 1992-93 to reflect the elimination of eligibility under the ConnPACE Program for those individuals possessing deductible-type prescription insurance plans. An estimated 3,500 individuals will be deemed ineligible, effective July 1, 1992.

A revenue loss, in the amount of approximately \$155,000, will ensue from the purchase of fewer prescriptions. Pharmaceutical manufacturers rebate eleven percent of the average manufacturer's price for each prescription dispensed. As restricting eligibility reduces the number of prescriptions dispensed, rebate revenue falls accordingly.

No fiscal impact is associated with technical changes to the operation of the Manufacturer's Rebate Program.

Senate "A" strikes the language in the original bill which would have required the Commissioner on Aging to review, evaluate and report findings concerning the ConnPACE Program by January 13, 1993. A minimal cost, which could have been absorbed within normal budgetary resources was associated with the original bill.

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