

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2016 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 1450ER

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Ware

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Pharmacy freedom of choice.

**5. Summary:** Provides that if a pharmacy has provided notice through an intermediary of its agreement to accept reimbursements at rates applicable to preferred providers, the insurer or its intermediary may elect to respond directly to the pharmacy instead of the intermediary. The measure does not require a carrier to contract with a pharmacy's intermediary and does not prohibit an insurer or its intermediary from contracting with or disclosing confidential information to a pharmacy's intermediary.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. No Fiscal Impact.**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of Health Professions have stated that the provisions of the bill would not impact the agencies.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.