

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1484

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

2. Patron: Hanger

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Prescription Monitoring Program.

5. Summary: Requires that the Director of the Department of Health Professions (DHP) provide information contained in Prescription Monitoring Program records about a specific recipient who is a member of a Virginia Medicaid managed care program, to a physician or pharmacist employed by the Virginia Medicaid managed care program via electronic access to the Prescription Monitoring Program in real time. The bill requires such electronic access to be identical to that provided to a prescriber or a dispenser who receives information in the possession of the Prescription Monitoring Program from the Director. The bill provides that such physicians or pharmacists employed by the Virginia Medicaid managed care program may delegate their authority to access such information and may be licensed in a jurisdiction other than the Commonwealth.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate; see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would have a potential impact on the Commonwealth, however the full impact cannot be determined at this time. The agency estimates that there will be costs associated with the development and maintenance of adding prescribers and pharmacists employed by the Virginia Medicaid managed care program to the PMP for real time electronic access. DHP indicates that the cost of any potential programming changes could be significant. However, no reliable estimates of these costs are available. Also, while the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) can already send out information through automatic responses in real time to prescribers and dispensers, there is not enough information to determine who may or may not make a request on the PMP.

The Department of Medical Assistance Services has stated that this bill would not have an impact on the agency.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: No.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: No.