

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB498

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: Hodges

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions.

4. Title: TPA-certified optometrists; prescription of certain Schedule II controlled substances.

5. Summary: Provides that a TPA-certified optometrist who is authorized to prescribe controlled substances may issue prescriptions for or provide manufacturer's samples of Schedule II controlled substances consisting of hydrocodone in combination with acetaminophen to his patients.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The bill expands action that can be taken by TPA-certified optometrists.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.