

# State Corporation Commission

## 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2126

<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:** Davis

3. **Committee:** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title:** Health insurance; step therapy protocols.

5. **Summary:** Requires carriers issuing health benefit plans that develop step therapy protocols for a health benefit plan to ensure that those step therapy protocols are (i) developed and endorsed by a multidisciplinary panel of experts that manages conflicts of interest among the members; (ii) based on peer-reviewed research and medical practice; and (iii) continually updated based on a review of new evidence, research, and newly developed treatments. The measure requires that when coverage of a prescription drug for the treatment of a medical condition is restricted for use by a carrier or utilization review organization through the use of a step therapy protocol, the patient and prescribing provider have access to a clear, readily accessible, and convenient process to request a step therapy exception. The measure establishes conditions under which a request for a step therapy exception shall be granted. The provisions of the measure shall apply to any health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2020.

6. **Budget amendment necessary:** No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No fiscal impact on the State Corporation Commission or the Department of Human Resource Management

8. **Fiscal Implications:** There are no fiscal implications on the State Corporation Commission. As per the Department of Human Resource Management, there are no fiscal implications for the state employees' health insurance plan.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance; Department of Health Resource Management

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. **Other comments:** The February 21, 2019 line amendments clarify certain provisions of House Bill 2126.

**Date:** 02/25/19/V. Tompkins