

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1000

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: Hope

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Prescription drugs; expedited partner therapy; labels.

5. Summary: Eliminates the requirement that there exist a bona fide practitioner-patient relationship with a contact patient for a practitioner to prescribe expedited partner therapy consistent with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A pharmacist dispensing a Schedule III through VI drug to a contact whose name and address are unavailable shall affix "Expedited Partner Therapy" or "EPT" to the written prescription and the label. The bill repeals the July 1, 2020, sunset on the provision that allows practitioners employed by the Department of Health to prescribe antibiotic therapy to the sexual partner of a patient diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease without the physical examination normally required.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth as it only impacts healthcare practitioners and their patients. Any costs associated with the promulgation of regulations can be absorbed within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health and the Department of Health Professions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.