

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

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<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Ginal Sen. Aguilar	<b>Bill Status:</b> Signed into Law
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**SHORT TITLE:** SYNCHRONIZE MULTIPLE PRESCRIPTIONS

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary*</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>	<b>FY 2015-2016</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>	Potential increase.	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		

\* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill requires health insurance carriers providing prescription drug coverage to offer medication synchronization services that align the refill dates for covered persons with multiple prescription medications. Carriers are allowed to develop their own medication synchronization plans, but all plans must:

- apply the normal co-payment amount applicable under the health coverage plan when a prescription drug is dispensed in a quantity less than the prescribed amount if certain conditions are met; and
- provide a full dispensing fee to pharmacies dispensing medication.

**State Expenditures**

The bill places a service requirement on private health insurance carriers, which may result in costs being passed on to policyholders, including state government through the costs of state employee health insurance and coverage for clients enrolled in the Children's Basic Health Plan (CHP+). Because insurance rates are influenced by a number of variables, the exact cost of this bill cannot be determined, but is expected to be minimal. Any increase caused by the bill will be addressed through the annual budget process, including the total compensation analysis for state employees.

**Local Government Impact**

Local governments that provide health insurance to their employees that are subject to this bill may experience an increase in premiums. Such an increase could occur if the costs of establishing medication synchronization services is passed on to policyholders. The impact on premiums is assumed to be minimal.

**Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 17, 2014.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Personnel and Administration  
Corrections  
Health Care Policy and Financing

Regulatory Agencies  
Human Services