

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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LRB Number	01-3593/5	Introduction Number	AB-698	Estimate Type	Original
Subject					
Authorize physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse to prescribe & pharmacist dispense specific drugs to patient for use by another					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill allows physicians and others to prescribe a single-dose antibiotic drug for the treatment of a sexually transmitted disease (STD) to a patient. This drug is intended to be used by a person with whom the patient has had sexual intercourse, provided this person is not allergic to the drug. The prescription is required to include the name and address of the patient but not the name or address of the person who is to use the drug. There is a limit to the number of prescriptions that can be issued to each patient.

This bill requires the Department to submit rules specifying information that professional staff who prescribe the single-dose antibiotic drug are required to provide to their patients, in writing, when they give them the prescription. Patients are to be requested to give this information to the person with whom they have had sexual intercourse. The Department can fulfill this requirement within existing resources. There will be no fiscal effect on the Department as a result of this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications