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Senator Scott Fitzgerald
Senate Majority Leader
Room 211 South
State Capitol
P.O. Box 7882
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Representative Robin Vos
Speaker of the Assembly
Room 211 West
State Capitol
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Re: Social and Financial Impact Report—2017 Assembly Bill 876 Coverage of Prescription Eye Drop Refills.

Dear Majority Leader Fitzgerald and Speaker Vos:

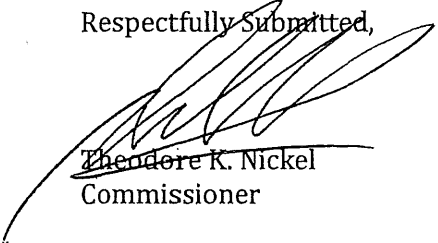
Pursuant to s. 601.423, Wis. Stat., the legislature has requested the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) to complete a social and financial impact report on 2017 Assembly Bill 876, relating to coverage of prescription eye drop refills. The proposed bill would require insurers to cover a refill of prescription eye drops when 75 percent or more of the days have elapsed from the original distribution date, or date of the last refill, and the consumer is allowed another refill under their current prescription.

As currently written, the proposed bill does not mandate new or expanded coverage or co-pays for health insurance consumers or insurers. Rather, the proposed bill permits the presale of a prescribed medication refill. Many insurers already cover early refills as a matter of process. OCI does not anticipate this bill will increase costs to health insurance consumers or insurers.

For this reason, OCI will not be preparing a social and financial impact report as allowed under s. 13.0966(2) (b), Wis. Stat.

Please contact Elizabeth Hizmi at (608) 267-9460 or Elizabeth.hizmi@wisconsin.gov if you have questions.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theodore K. Nickel
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