



## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES – FISCAL ESTIMATE

## DHFS

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Administrative Rule Number

HFS 148

Subject

CANCER DRUG and CHRONIC DISEASES REPOSITORY PROGRAM

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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Based on a pharmacy study commissioned by the Department in 2002, it is estimated that prescription dispensing fees currently range from between \$9.30 to \$11.56 per prescription. The current Medicaid dispensing fee is \$4.38. Pharmacies dispensing donated drugs will be permitted to charge a maximum fee equal to 300% of the Medicaid dispensing fee (\$13.14, based on the current Medicaid fee) to recipients of the drugs.

Given this option, it appears that pharmacies that elect to participate in the program will be able to cover the direct costs of administering the program. Since the program is voluntary, pharmacies with higher dispensing fees or an unmanageable number of transactions can elect to opt out of the program. These rules should not have a negative effect on small businesses.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

None anticipated given that this is a voluntary program and that pharmacies are allowed to charge a fee to cover direct costs of the program.

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