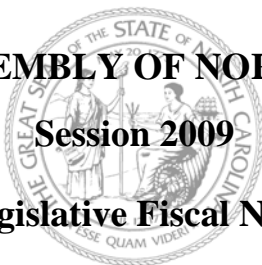


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Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 896 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Cancer Drug Coverage Changes.

SPONSOR(S): Representatives England, Faison, and Harrell

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes ( )	No (X)	No Estimate Available ( )		
	<u>FY 2009-10</u>	<u>FY 2010-11</u>	<u>FY 2011-12</u>	<u>FY 2012-13</u>	<u>FY 2013-14</u>
REVENUES	-	-	-	-	-
EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-	-
POSITIONS (cumulative):	N/A				
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Insurance.					
EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.					

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed legislation amends GS 58-51-59 to substitute updated reference compendia and to add a catch-all provision for any authoritative compendia recognized by the US Secretary of Health and Human Services. The proposed legislation also makes conforming changes to GS 58-65-94 and GS 58-67-78.

Source: Bill Digest H.B. 896 (03/30/0200).

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

This bill modifies GS 58-51-59 to name The National Comprehensive Cancer Network Drugs & Biologics Compendium, The ThomsonMicromedex DrugDex, The Elsevier Gold Standard’s Clinical Pharmacology, or any other authoritative compendia as recognized periodically by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services as established reference compendia. According to the Life & Health and Medical Review Divisions of the Department of Insurance, the implementation of House Bill 896 will have negligible fiscal impact. There will be a small amount of impact in the area of product forms approval if previously-approved products specifically name the sources of reference in their forms as reflected in this proposed legislation.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Department of Insurance

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Department of Insurance indicated that, for the proposed legislation, information regarding how many health insurance product forms must be refilled to make the change would need to be provided by insurance companies, not by the State.

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