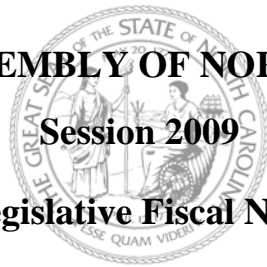


GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2009

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 324 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Medicaid/Hemophilic Drugs/No Prior Auth.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Queen

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):					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and Human Services				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	When act becomes law				

BILL SUMMARY:

Amends Section 2 of SL 2003-179, as amended, to remove the sunset (was, July 1, 2009) on a provision that exempts certain medications prescribed for the treatment of hemophilia and blood disorders from prior authorization requirements when no generically equivalent drug is available.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

The bill would continue existing policy exempting drugs to treat hemophilia and blood disorders from prior authorization.

There are currently 64 hemophilia and blood disorder medications paid by the NC Medicaid program, and 2 additional drugs that can be used to treat hemophilia. In the period of October 2008 through March 31, 2009, 400 recipients received these medications, totaling \$18,338,118 in total expenditures.

According to the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA), DMA routinely monitors the utilization and expenditures of antihemophiliacs used for these treatments because they are exempt from prior authorization requirements under current North Carolina law. DMA has found that utilization and expenditures have remained unchanged over the last several years without prior authorization and do not anticipate any changes in utilization or expenditures if the sunset clause is removed.

SOURCES OF DATA: Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and Human Services

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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