

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB490-E

Patron: Hope

Bill Title: Health insurance; coverage for early refills prescription eye drops.

Bill Summary: Prohibits a health carrier from denying coverage to a covered person of an early refill of prescription eye drops if (i) the prescription eye drops are a covered benefit, (ii) the amount of time that has elapsed from the previous dispensing of such prescription would result in at least 85 percent of such prescription eye drops being used if taken consistently with the prescriber's directions, and (iii) the prescriber has indicated that additional quantities are medically necessary and the refill requested does not exceed such additional quantity. The provisions of the bill are applicable to contracts, policies, or plans delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in the Commonwealth on and after January 1, 2027.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: See "Fiscal Summary".

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) indicates that the provisions of this bill align with current practices in the state employee health insurance plan, and therefore the bill does not generate a state fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: See "Fiscal Summary".

Other: None.