

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

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB257-ER

Patron: Favola

Bill Title: Health insurance; coverage for prescription and nonprescription opioid antagonists.

Bill Summary: Requires each health insurer, corporation providing health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organization whose policy, contract, or plan includes coverage for prescription drugs to include coverage for at least one opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal dispensed pursuant to an oral, written, or standing order of a prescriber and shall ensure that cost-sharing for at least one opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal is included on the lowest cost tier of the insurer's, corporation's, or health maintenance organization's prescription drug formulary. The bill provides that such coverage shall be exempt from any prior authorization or step therapy requirement on coverage of benefits.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: This bill is not expected to create a fiscal impact.

Fiscal Summary: This legislation is not expected to create a fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: See "Fiscal Summary".

Other: This legislation is identical to HB795, as enrolled. The provisions of this legislation would apply to any individual or group accident and sickness insurance policy, individual or group accident and sickness subscription contract, or health care plan for health care services delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in the Commonwealth on and after January 1, 2027.