

# **FINAL FISCAL NOTE**

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Rep. Becker J.; Esgar **Prime Sponsors:** 

Bill Status: Signed into Law

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Bill Topic:

PHARMACIST HEALTH CARE SERVICES COVERAGE

Summary of Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact. This bill requires health benefit plans to provide coverage for health services provided by a pharmacist if certain conditions are met. It will have

no fiscal impact on state or local government.

**Appropriation** Summary:

No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note** Status:

The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

## **Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, health benefit plans are required to provide coverage for health services provided by a pharmacist if certain conditions are met. This bill expands this requirement to health services provided by pharmacists who are located within designated health professional shortage areas. The bill does not require a health insurer to contract with a pharmacist.

#### **Assessment of No Fiscal Impact**

Given that pharmacists can already be reimbursed for providing health services under current law, expanding this coverage requirement to health services provided by pharmacists in health professional shortage areas is not expected to affect health insurance premiums. Therefore, the bill is not expected to affect costs, revenue, or workload for state or local government and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

#### **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 9, 2018, and took effect August 8, 2018.

HB 18-1112

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Health Care Policy and Financing Personnel Regulatory Agencies Information Technology
Public Health and Environment