

HCS HB 552 -- STANDARD OF CARE FOR BLEEDING DISORDER THERAPIES

SPONSOR: Molendorp

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Health Insurance by a vote of 9 to 0.

This substitute requires the State Board of Pharmacy within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration to establish rules governing the standard of care for pharmacies dispensing blood clotting therapies. The rules must include safeguards to ensure a pharmacy:

- (1) Has the ability to obtain and fill a prescription as written for all brands of blood clotting products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration;
- (2) Ships a prescription within two business days for established patients and within three business days for new patients in nonemergency situations;
- (3) Provides an established patient access to a prescription within 12 hours of a physician's notification of the patient's emergent need;
- (4) Provides the necessary equipment and supplies for an established patient to administer blood clotting products;
- (5) Has a pharmacist available, onsite or on call, to fill a prescription 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year;
- (6) Provides a contact telephone number to a patient to report a delivery problem;
- (7) Notifies a patient of a prescription recall or withdrawal within 24 hours of receiving the recall or withdrawal notification; and
- (8) Provides containers and instructions for the proper disposal of waste from blood clotting products.

Blood clotting product-related services are added to the list of services which are to be paid under MO HealthNet benefits.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that almost 20,000 individuals have a blood clotting disorder with different levels of severity. All

specialty pharmacies should be required to carry the necessary drugs so that they are readily available to all individuals regardless of where they live. Going to an out-of-network pharmacy is expensive. The bill will place into law what specialty pharmacies have already implemented.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Molendorp; Kristen Marema, Midwest Hemophilia Association; and Mary Fleming, Gateway Hemophilia Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.