BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.: SB721 Version: ENGR

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Impact: No impact to the state; some cost savings to

consumers

Research Analysis

SB 721 creates the Access to Lifesaving Medicines Act. The measure prohibits health insurers and pharmacy benefit managers from imposing excess cost burden on an insured. When contracting with a health benefit plan to administer pharmacy benefits, the measure requires a pharmacy benefits manager to offer the carrier or health plan the option of extending point-of-sale rebates to enrollees of the plan. The measure specifies certain prescription drug cost maximums related to prescription drug cost sharing for an insured.

Lastly, the measure requires the Insurance Commissioner to promulgate rules and regulations.

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Fiscal Analysis

From the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy, SB 721could possibly save the consumer money due to the point of sale rebates

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Other Considerations

None.

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