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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Mullica Rep. Daugherty	Bill Status:	Senate Health & Human Services
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Bill Topic: **HEALTH FACILITY TOPICAL MEDICATION CONTINUED CARE**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill allows health facilities to provide discharged patients with unused portions of topical medications for continued use. The bill minimally increases state expenditures in FY 2024-25 only.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows health care providers and facilities to provide unused portions of certain topical medications to patients upon discharge. The medication must be required for the continued treatment of the patient and must have been used at the health facility during the patient’s visit.

The bill requires that provided medications adhere to existing labeling requirements and clarifies that health facilities and providers are responsible for counseling the patient on medication use.

State Expenditures

In FY 2024-25 only, workload will minimally increase in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to perform outreach and education to providers on the new policy. Workload for state health care facilities may similarly increase to train staff on this policy change. These workload impacts are expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections	Health Care Policy and Financing	Higher Education
Human Services	Personnel	Public Health and Environment
Regulatory Agencies		

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).