

FISCAL NOTE

April 18, 2017

Bill No: HB 270 Printer's No:	PN 0949	Sponsor:	Farry
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2016-17	2017-18
General Fund	"See Fiscal Impact"	\$11.8 million

SUMMARY: This legislation amends the State Lottery Law (Act 91 of 1971) to increase the annual income guidelines for the PACENET Program. This legislation also makes changes to the composition and duties of the current Pharmaceutical Assistance Review Board (PARB) and includes new language establishing medical synchronization and medication therapy management (MTM) within the PACE program.

ANALYSIS: HB 270 would increase the annual income eligibility guidelines for the PACENET Program from \$23,500 to \$31,000 for a single person and from \$31,500 to \$41,000 for a married couple. By expanding the income eligibility, an additional 31,900 individuals would qualify for the program.

This legislation would alter the Department of Aging's Pharmaceutical Assistance Review Board by changing the board to an advisory board. Additional modifications to the board would include changes to the number of members and member credentials.

Additionally, this legislation would allow the PACE program to evaluate two pharmacy-based programs: MTM and medication synchronization. Under MTM, a patient's pharmacist would work face-to-face with the patient to complete a comprehensive review of their medications as well as consult with their various prescribers, carefully checking for duplicative medications and possible drug interactions.

This legislation outlines language for medication synchronization by the PACE program for participating pharmacies. Pharmacists will review multiple patient prescriptions and dispense partial refills with a goal of 'synching up' each patient's monthly prescriptions so they can be available for pick up or delivery at one time.

This Act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY 16-17	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
INCREASE PACENET CARDHOLDER UPPER INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVELS: \$31,000 SINGLE PERSON \$41,000 MARRIED COUPLE	-	\$11.8 M	\$14.6 M	\$17.3 M