

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2506 - SB 2621

February 24, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes physicians, physician assistants (PA), and advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) to prescribe ivermectin by standing order. Requires each recipient of ivermectin to be provided with a standardized information sheet, developed by the Board of Pharmacy, that includes the importance of follow-up care and health care referral information. Prohibits health-related boards from taking disciplinary action against a physician, PA, or APRN who either follows or fails to follow the standing order.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation does not state that private or government-funded insurance agencies must cover ivermectin. Therefore, it will not create any fiscal impact to these agencies, as they will not be required to change their current practice.
- The Division of TennCare (Division) covers treatments that are deemed medically necessary. However, the proposed legislation does not state whether the prescription for either drug needs to be considered medically necessary by the prescribing authority; currently, ivermectin does not meet the definition of medical necessity. Therefore, the Division would not be required to cover it and the legislation would create no fiscal impact.
- The cost associated with creating and distributing the standardized information sheet is not significant.
- Since a physician, PA, and APRN are not required to prescribe ivermectin, regardless of a standing order, the proposed legislation has no significant impact to the Department of Health, nor to any insurance provider.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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