
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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SB 306 (Pan) - Sexually transmitted disease: testing

Version: March 24, 2021

Policy Vote: HEALTH 9 - 1, B., P. & E.D.
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Urgency: No

Mandate: Yes

Hearing Date: May 20, 2021

Consultant: Karen French

Bill Summary: Permits pharmacists to dispense a drug, without the name of an individual for whom the drug is intended, when prescribed for the sexual partner of someone who has been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease (STD) and provides immunity from civil, criminal, or administrative penalties for an individual who prescribes, dispenses, or furnishes the drug. Requires a syphilis blood test during the third trimester of pregnancy and at delivery.

This bill, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature and any potential draw down of federal matching funds, would require the department to provide reimbursement for sexually transmitted disease related services and would authorize an office visit to a Family PACT provider or Medi-Cal provider for specified STD-related services for uninsured, income-eligible patients, or patients with health care coverage who have confidentiality concerns, who are not at risk of experiencing or causing an unintended pregnancy, and who are not in need of contraceptive services, to be reimbursed at the same rate as comprehensive clinical family planning services.

The bill would include in the benefits for Medi-Cal and the Family PACT program home test kits for sexually transmitted diseases and the laboratory testing required to process those kits.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on May 20, 2021

Fiscal Impact:

- California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS reports costs of \$382,000 FY 2021-22 and \$410,000 FY 2022-2023 (General Fund) for 3.0 positions to carry out the requirements of this bill if HIV test counselors are allowed to perform all CLIA-waived STI tests, including for herpes simplex virus and trichomonas. (See details in Staff Comments, below)
- The Department of Managed Health Care estimates the total cost of this bill to be approximately \$126,000 MCF and 0.6 PY in FY 2021-22, \$217,000 MCF and 1.1 PYs in FY 2022-23, \$126,000 MCF and 0.6 PY in FY 2023-24 and annually thereafter (See Details in Staff Comments, below)
- Medi-Cal & Family PACT reimbursement subject to appropriation. Unknown, potentially in the tens of millions General Fund and federal match
- Medi-Cal & Family Pact home tests & related costs of \$30 million.

Author Amendments: Amend to clarify the Medi-Cal and Family PACT home testing mandate.

Committee Amendments: None

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