

SB 6569 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Creates the task force on patient out-of-pocket costs.

Requires the department of health to convene the task force and coordinate task force meetings.

Requires the task force to: (1) Evaluate factors contributing to the high out-of-pocket costs for patients including prescription drug cost trends, plan benefit design, specialty tiers, prescription drug cost-sharing structures, and prescription deductibles; and

(2) Consider patient treatment adherence and the impacts on chronic illness and acute disease, with consideration of the long-term outcomes and costs for the patient.