

**SB 31 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE REVIEW
AMENDMENTS (Vickers, Evan J.)**

Anticipated Fiscal Impact: none

While most of the provisions of this bill are related to licensing requirements, there are provisions that expand physical therapist's authority to prescribe DME or labs in specific circumstances. We would not expect this expansion of authority to increase the number of patients that seek physical therapy. We would expect this to expand lab or DME services order by physical therapists, but we would mostly see this as a substitute for prescriptions that would otherwise occur. As a substitute, it would require only one office visit instead of two, which we would expect to potentially lower costs. In sum, we wouldn't expect a significant increase in lab and DME services by extending prescription authority to physical therapies, but to the extent there was, that should be sufficiently offset by savings in avoiding a second visit to obtain the prescription.