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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT AND RECOVERY NAVIGATION FOR PERSONS WITH AN OPIOID USE DISORDER.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
UConn Health Ctr.	GF - Potential Revenue Loss/Savings	See Below	See Below
UConn Health Ctr.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: OF=Other Funds

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in both a potential revenue loss and a potential savings, annually beginning in FY 27, to the UConn Health Center (UCHC). It requires hospital emergency departments to administer certain drugs to patients presenting with symptoms of substance use disorder without requiring in-patient admission. Any impacts will be half-year in FY 27 as the requirements take effect 1/1/27.

The bill may reduce the number of in-patient admissions to UCHC, to the extent that patients may have otherwise been admitted for this treatment. If a reduction in in-patient admissions occurs, the net impact will depend on the payer mix of those patients. A reduction in privately insured admissions would result in a revenue loss to UCHC, while a reduction in uninsured or underinsured admissions would result in a savings.

The bill additionally results in a potential cost to UCHC annually

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beginning in FY 27 by requiring UCHC to offer an opioid antagonist, or a prescription for an opioid antagonist, to patients presenting to the emergency department with symptoms of substance use disorder. To the extent that this increases the number of opioid antagonists provided without payment from patients or insurance, there is a cost to UCHC of \$35 to \$50 per unit.¹

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number changes in UCHC in-patient admissions, the payer mix of those patients, and the number of opioid antagonists UCHC provides.

¹ A box of Narcan costs about \$35 to \$50 and contains two doses.