


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FINAL FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING STANDARDS FOR HEMODIALYSIS TECHNICIANS AS PART OF THE STATE REGULATION OF DIALYSIS TREATMENT CLINICS, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009
State Revenue		
Health Facilities General Licensure Cash Fund	\$ 0	\$ 10,200
State Expenditures		
General Fund	\$ 5,862	\$ 0
Health Facilities General Licensure Cash Fund	0	7,236
FTE Position Change	0.1 FTE	0.2 FTE
Effective Date: The Governor signed the bill into law on May 31, 2007, and it is effective July 1, 2007.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2007-2008: See State Appropriations section of the fiscal note.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the State Board of Health to establish a process to verify that hemodialysis technicians have proper credentials by January 1, 2008. Beginning January 1, 2009, licensed dialysis treatment clinics may not allow a person to perform the duties and functions of a hemodialysis technician, unless he or she has national credentialing. The Department of Public Health and Environment (DPHE) must verify that dialysis treatment clinics follow this requirement as a condition of licensure, and may charge dialysis treatment facilities a fee to cover administrative costs. The bill is repealed July 1, 2013, after a sunset review.

Friend and family who provide in-home care, individuals who provide self-care, and technicians-in-training are excluded from the bill's credentialing requirements.

Background

Hemodialysis is a type of dialysis where blood is pumped outside the body into an artificial kidney machine to clean the blood. Patients generally go to a dialysis treatment center, but some patients receive hemodialysis in their homes with the assistance of a technician, nurse, or trained family member. The DPHE reports that there are currently 51 licensed dialysis treatment facilities in Colorado. The number of patients receiving in-home treatment is not known.

State Revenue

Beginning in FY 2008-09, state cash funds revenue increases by \$10,200 each year from new fees for 51 dialysis treatment facilities. In addition, the state may have increased penalty revenue in out-years.

Fee Impact on Individuals, Families or Business. Section 2-2-322, C.R.S., requires legislative service agency review of measures which create or increase any fee collected by a state agency. The fee is based on the direct and indirect costs of regulation of dialysis treatment facilities. The table below identifies the fee impact of this bill.

Table 1. Fee Impact on Dialysis Treatment Facilities			
Type of Fee	Proposed Fee	Number Affected	Total Fee Impact
Annual Fee Beginning in 2009 Dialysis Treatment Facilities	\$200	51	\$10,200

State Expenditures

State General Fund expenditures for the DPHE are expected to increase by \$5,862 and 0.1 FTE in FY 2007-08. In FY 2008-09 and subsequent years, DPHE expenditures are expected to increase by \$7,236 and 0.2 FTE from the Health Facilities General Licensure Cash Fund.

In FY 2007-08, the DPHE requires 0.1 FTE to assist the State Board of Health in developing rules to establish a process to verify national credentialing of about 450 hemodialysis technicians. In FY 2008-09 and subsequent years, staff (0.2 FTE) is required to verify that dialysis treatment facilities comply with the provisions of the bill.

Expenditures Not Included

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, funding for the items noted below will not be included in fiscal note expenditure estimates. However, indirect costs are calculated for the purpose of identifying the "per applicant" cost of a new or revised fee to reflect the total direct and indirect costs required to support a particular program.

- group health, life and dental insurance
- inflation indices
- amortization equalization disbursements
- supplemental amortization equalization disbursements
- short-term disability
- leased space
- indirect costs

Indirect costs associated with this bill are estimated to be \$2,611 for FY 2008-09.

State Appropriations

For FY 2007-08, the fiscal note indicates that the Department of Public Health and Environment should receive a General Fund appropriation of \$5,862 and 0.1 FTE.

Departments Contacted

Public Health and Environment

Regulatory Agencies