

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD TO REVIEW GRIEVANCES RELATED TO THE COLORADO INDIGENT CARE PROGRAM.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
General Fund	\$15,000	\$15,000
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Appropriations Committee on April 3, 2009.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2009-2010: See State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (DHCPF) to:

- ▶ establish procedures and implement a process to resolve grievances from persons who receive care under the Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP);
- ▶ inform CICP providers and clients about the grievance process; and
- ▶ report information about the implementation and effectiveness of the grievance process to the Health and Human Services Committees of the General Assembly.

Background

CICP. The CICP partially reimburses health care providers for medical services provided to the uninsured who have incomes up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level and who do not qualify for Medicaid or the Children's Basic Health Plan. The CICP is not an entitlement program, and it does not offer a defined list of benefits. It is a safety net program that pays health care providers for treating people who do not have the means to pay for health care. The program provides partial reimbursement for about 195,000 Coloradans to 150 participating hospitals, clinics, and other providers.

State Expenditures

State General Fund expenditures are expected to increase by \$15,000 in FY 2009-10 and subsequent years for the DHCPF. The DHCPF is required to inform CICIP clients and providers about the grievance process, and costs are incurred to design, print, and distribute a one-page information sheet. The fiscal note assumes that 200,000 information sheets will be printed at a cost of \$0.05 each ($\$0.05 \times 200,000 = \$10,000$). In addition to printing costs, expenditures are anticipated for designing the information sheet, translation services, and distribution to CICIP provider offices (\$5,000 per year).

The DHCPF is expected to establish procedures and to make changes to its current grievance process for the CICIP within existing resources.

State Appropriations

For FY 2009-10, the fiscal note indicates that the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing should receive an appropriation of \$15,000 from the General Fund.

Departments Contacted

Health Care Policy and Financing