

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Morse; Tochtrop Rep. Gagliardi	Bill Status: Senate Health and Human Services Fiscal Analyst: Kerry White (303-866-3469)

TITLE: CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF A STATUTORY PROHIBITION ON BALANCE BILLING OF CERTAIN CHARGES FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, out-of-network health care providers are prohibited from "balance billing" patients for in-network services through July 1, 2010. Balance billing is the practice of a provider billing a patient for the difference between the out-of-network price and the amount reimbursed by the insurance company for in-network services. This bill continues this prohibition indefinitely and removes obsolete language concerning reporting by the Division of Insurance within the Department of Regulatory Agencies. The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

Assessment

This bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact as no work is created for a state or local government entity. This bill simply extends a current law which prohibits certain billing practices by health care providers.

Departments Contacted

Health Care Policy and Financing
Personnel and Administration

Human Services
Regulatory Agencies

Law