



*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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Sen. Williams**Bill Status:** House Health and Human Services**Fiscal Analyst:** Janis Baron (303-866-3523)

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING MEDICAL ORDERS DETERMINING THE SCOPE OF TREATMENT AN ADULT WISHES TO RECEIVE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

### **Summary of Legislation**

The bill specifies the requirements and procedures for adults who wish to make advance medical directives concerning the scope of their care and treatment. It sets forth a medical orders for scope of treatment (MOST) form and specifies what the form must include. It also sets forth the requirements for executing the MOST form and related forms, and establishes the requirements that health care providers must follow when treating patients with such forms. Existing advance medical directives continue to be valid insofar as they do not conflict with the language of this bill, should it become law.

The bill takes effect August 11, 2010, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 12, 2010, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

### **Assessment**

The bill is assessed at having no fiscal impact. It does not mandate adults to execute a MOST form; it provides structure and guidance for the form and its execution. The Department of Human Services indicates that the system serving persons with developmental disabilities and the mental health institutes currently use forms to document requests regarding the scope of medical treatment and to clarify information contained in physician orders. For each person sentenced to the Department of Corrections, forms are provided at intake for a living will, durable power of attorney, and any CPR directive. The bill is not expected to significantly affect any agencies of state or local governments.

### **Departments Contacted**

Corrections  
Human Services  
Public Health and Environment

Health Care Policy and Financing  
Judicial  
Regulatory Agencies