

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
  
**STATE**  
**FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 12-0779  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Gerou  
 Sen. Steadman

**Date:** February 1, 2012  
**Bill Status:** House Appropriations  
**Fiscal Analyst:** Bill Zepernick (303-866-4777)

**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE REENACTMENT OF THE STATUTES THAT AUTHORIZE GRANTS FROM THE PRIMARY CARE FUND FOR COMPREHENSIVE PRIMARY CARE SERVICES.

| Fiscal Impact Summary  | FY 2011-12<br>(Current Year) | FY 2012-2013 | FY 2013-2014 |
|--|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>State Revenue</b>   |                              |              |              |
| <b>State Expenditures</b>  |                              |              |              |
| Cash Funds   |                              |              |              |
| Primary Care Fund  | \$28,253,000                 | \$28,253,000 | \$28,253,000 |
| <b>FTE Position Change</b>   |                              |              |              |
| <b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature. |                              |              |              |
| <b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013:</b> None required.                                      |                              |              |              |
| <b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.  |                              |              |              |

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill, recommended by the Joint Budget Committee, re-enacts statutes allowing the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (DHCPF) to operate the Comprehensive Primary Care Services Program. This program is funded from the Primary Care Fund, which receives a portion of tobacco tax revenue, providing funding to primary care providers who serve a large portion of low-income persons.

These statutes governing the operations of Comprehensive Primary Care Services Program were erroneously repealed by Senate Bill 11-216. Statutes creating the Primary Care Fund and providing tobacco tax revenue to the fund were not repealed.

**State Expenditures**

The bill will increase expenditures in the DHCPF from the Primary Care Fund by about \$28 million per year beginning in the current fiscal year, which is the amount of funding currently provided to the program in the FY 2011-12 Long Bill. Because Senate Bill 11-216 did not repeal

the statute creating the Primary Care Fund and tobacco tax revenue is accruing in the fund, this funding is available for the DHCPF to resume operating the Comprehensive Primary Care Services Program as it did prior to Senate Bill 11-216. Therefore, no appropriation is required at this time.

**Departments Contacted**

Health Care Policy and Financing                      JBC