

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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SHORT TITLE: SUNSET CONTINUE NURSE-PHYSICIAN ADV TASK FORCE

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		<u>\$45,327</u>
Cash Funds		45,327
FTE Position Change		0.4 FTE
Appropriation Required: None.		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. Base funding and expenditures reflect the continuation of existing operations without any changes to the program.

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the Nurse Physician Advisory Task Force (NPATCH) from July 1, 2014, through September 1, 2020. The bill does not make any changes to the task force.

Background

Senate Bill 09-239 changed the process for advanced practice nurses (APNs) to receive prescribing authority to include mentorship with a physician and development of an articulated plan for safe prescribing of medications. In light of these changes, NPATCH was created in SB 09-239 to promote patient safety and quality care, address mutual concerns between physicians and nurses, and make recommendations to the Colorado Medical Board, State Board of Nursing, and the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) concerning APN prescribing authority and related issues.

Fiscal Impact of Programs Set to Expire

This bill continues a program in DORA in the Division of Professions and Occupations that is set to repeal on July 1, 2014. Under current law, state agencies may be appropriated funds to wind up the affairs of an expiring program for 12 months following the repeal date. To account for the wind-up period, the impact of extending the program beyond the current repeal date is shown as beginning in FY 2015-16, one year after the repeal date. There is no need for an appropriation of base funding to DORA for NPATCH in FY 2014-15, since the program's authorization has not yet expired, and ongoing funding for the program is included in the department's base budget request for the upcoming fiscal year.

State Expenditures

By continuing NPATCH, the bill increases cash fund expenditures in DORA by \$45,327 and 0.4 FTE per year beginning in FY 2015-16, based on current program expenditures. These expenditures include personal service costs (\$35,653), operating and travel expenses (\$5,928), and legal service costs (\$3,746). Program costs are paid from the Division of Profession and Occupations Cash Fund from license fee revenue collected by the State Board of Nursing and the State Medical Board. As mentioned above, no appropriation is required for the upcoming fiscal year (FY 2014-15), as this funding is included in DORA's budget request.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Regulatory Agencies