

uniform set of medical claim edits and payment rules with the goal of reducing claims processing time. The Colorado Medical Society Foundation serves as custodian of funds for the task force and is authorized to solicit and collect monetary and in-kind gifts, grants, and donations to fund the task force.

State Expenditures

This bill is expected to increase General Fund expenditures by **\$128,688 in FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16** for the HCPF. Costs are shown in Table 1 and described below.

Table 1. Expenditures Under SB14-159*		
Cost Components	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16
Computer Programming	\$50,000	\$50,000
Project Management	47,400	47,400
Legal Services	5,000	5,000
Communications	12,500	12,500
Other Operating Expenses	13,788	13,788
TOTAL	\$128,688	\$128,688

**Costs are for calendar year 2015, so one-half of costs are shown in each fiscal year.*

The task force is expected to continue contracting with a vendor to maintain and update the edit library at a cost of \$50,000 per fiscal year. Project management staff will oversee the project, ensure project milestones are met, and solicit funds at a cost of \$47,400 per fiscal year. Ten hours of attorney fees at \$500 per hour are included in each year (\$5,000) for contract review and the resolution of governance issues. Costs of \$12,500 per year are required to maintain and update the project website and for development of communication materials. Finally, the task force requires \$13,788 in operating expenses, which includes software updates, travel, and teleconference and webinar expenses.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2014-15, the HCPF requires a General Fund appropriation of \$128,688. Currently, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$128,188.

State and Local Government Contacts

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