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SHORT TITLE: MED POT REGISTRY ACCESS HEALTH DEPT CONTRACTORS

Summary of Legislation

The bill clarifies that the "authorized employees of the state health agency," as defined in article XVIII, section 14 of the Colorado Constitution, includes independent contractors and other agencies with whom the Department of Public Health and Environment (DPHE) contracts or works with under an intergovernmental agreement to provide services related to the administration of the medical marijuana program registry. The bill states that these independent contractors are not state employees for the purposes of state employee benefits, including public employees retirement association benefits.

Under the bill, a "bona fide physician-patient relationship" for purposes of the medical marijuana program, is defined as meaning that:

- the physician and a patient have a treatment or counseling relationship, and the physician has conducted a full assessment of the patient's medical history and current medical condition;
- the physician has consulted with the patient with respect to the patient's debilitating medical condition before the patient applies for a registry identification card; and
- the physician is available to or offers to provide follow-up care and treatment to the patient.

Assessment

The bill clarifies existing definitions pertaining to authorized employees' use of the medical marijuana database and the physician-patient relationship. These changes do not change existing workload or processes in the DPHE and, as a result, will not have an impact on state expenditures or revenues.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Public Health and Environment