

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note



STATE FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Ginal; Conti Sen. Crowder; Newell	Bill Status: House Health, Insurance & Environment
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BILL TOPIC: NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR FORMULARY CHANGES

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

The bill expands the authority of registered naturopathic doctors in a variety of ways, including the ability to obtain medication from a registered or licensed drug outlet, administer medication, and dispense medication to patients. Specifically, the expanded authority applies to the following:

- obtaining and administering saline, sterile water, topical antiseptics, and local anesthetics with epinephrine in connection with minor office procedures;
- obtaining and administering oxygen in emergency situations, vitamins B6 and B12, and immunizations to persons over the age of 18; and
- obtaining, administering, and dispensing FDA-regulated substances that do not require a prescription.

State Expenditures

The Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies will have a minimal increase in workload to update rules and communicate the changes in scope of practice to naturopathic doctors. The division may also have an increased number of complaints or investigations concerning naturopaths operating under the expanded scope of practice. However, this workload increase is expected to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

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

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