

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PERSONS RECEIVING PUBLIC HEALTH CARE BENEFITS.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 03/17/05 Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note was Prepared

None.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note

Concurs

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Does Not Concur

Updated Analysis

Reason for the Non-Concurrence

Staff concurs with the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note dated 03/17/05 in regards to the costs associated with the system changes to the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS). However, staff does not concur that an appropriation of \$149 is needed for printing and mailing costs for the required reports. The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing has sufficient funding within their base operating expenses to pay for this cost and no additional appropriation is required for this expense.

In addition, the Department of Human Services (DHS) will require a cash fund exempt appropriation to reflect the amount of the CBMS transferred from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to DHS. This amount is not reflected in the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note dated 03/17/05.

Amendments/Appropriation Status

Staff has prepared **J.001** to appropriate a total of \$63,160 to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for the CBMS system changes in FY 2005-06. Of this amount, \$31,580 is from the General Fund and \$31,580 are from federal funds. The appropriation clause also contains a \$63,160 cash fund exempt transfer from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to the Department of Human Services for the CBMS system changes.

Sponsor Amendments

None.

Points to Consider

The Joint Budget Committee is introducing a balanced budget package for FY 2005-06 based on the March 2005, Legislative Council Staff (LCS) forecast. This bill will require \$31,580 in additional General Fund expenditures. If this bill is enacted, other appropriations for existing programs will need to be reduced by an equal amount in order to maintain a balanced budget based on the March 2005 LCS forecast.