

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 13-0371  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Kefalas  
 Rep. Primavera

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**Bill Status:** Senate Health & Human Services  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF DIALYSIS TREATMENT CLINICS TO PROVIDE OUTPATIENT HEMODIALYSIS TREATMENT TO PATIENTS WITH ACUTE KIDNEY FAILURE.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2013-2014</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>	See State Expenditures section.	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill eliminates the existing requirement that home dialysis only be used in cases of end-stage renal disease. It also prohibits a dialysis treatment clinic from providing outpatient hemodialysis treatment to a non-end-stage renal disease patient without a referral for treatment from a board-certified or board-eligible nephrologist licensed as a physician in Colorado. The referral must include a statement that the patient is an appropriate candidate for such treatment.

**State Expenditures**

The bill will increase the workload for the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division (division) in the Department of Public Health and Environment. The bill will require the division to modify dialysis center rules; however, the update required by the bill will be included in a rules update that is already scheduled, meaning that the increase in workload will be absorbed within existing appropriations.

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing uses Medicare rules as they pertain to dialysis at dialysis treatment clinics. In accordance with Medicare rules for billing, outpatient dialysis at a Medicare-certified renal dialysis clinic is only reimbursable for patients with end-stage renal disease. As a result, Medicare reimbursements under the bill will not increase.

**Departments Contacted**

Public Health and Environment  
Health Care Policy and Financing

Regulatory Agencies