



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1305: LICENSING OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill establishes a procedure for remote psychiatric inpatient health care facilities to operate under a main hospital's license.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Minimal State Revenue
- Minimal State Workload

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows certain remote psychiatric inpatient health care facilities to operate under a main hospital's license, issued by the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). CDPHE may assess a separate licensing fee to the main hospital for each remote facility location and promulgate any necessary rules.

State Revenue

The bill may minimally impact fee revenue to the Health Facilities General Licensure Cash Fund in the CDPHE. Any increase or decrease in fee revenue will depend on the difference between the current fee for a psychiatric inpatient health care facility to obtain a stand-alone license and the new licensing fee for a hospital to add the remote location, as well as the number of facilities and beds that choose to operate under the new remote license type. The new remote facility licensing fee will be set administratively by the CDPHE. Overall, any change in fees paid by licensed facilities and revenue collected by the state is assumed to be minimal. This revenue is subject to TABOR.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally impacts workload in the CDPHE to promulgate rules and update the Colorado Health Facilities Interactive System to incorporate the remote location designation. 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

Public Health and Environment

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).