

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning parity for the use of non-opioid pain management drugs.

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/13/26.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001

Staff amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates a total of \$15,415 cash funds to the Department of Regulatory Agencies for FY 2026-27. This appropriation is from the Division of Insurance Cash Fund. The appropriation reflects 0.2 FTE.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

Any increase in appropriations from the Division of Insurance (DOI) Cash Fund reduces revenue to the General Fund by the same amount. Insurance premium tax revenues go first to the DOI Cash Fund and then unspent money flows to the General Fund.

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2026-27 based on the March 2026 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSP) revenue forecast. This bill is anticipated to reduce General Fund revenues by \$15,415, reducing the amount available for appropriation by the same amount.

Future Conditional Fiscal Impact

If federal oversight determines this benefit exceeds the essential health benefits package, then federal law would require Colorado to pay for increased costs in the individual and small group markets. Based on the actuarial analysis, this could increase costs in the range of \$2.8 million, plus administrative expenses.