

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE APPEAL PROCESS FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/21/16.

	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
XXX	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The House Appropriations Committee Report (04/15/16) and House Second Reading (04/15/16) contained amendments to the bill, but the Legislative Council Staff and Joint Budget Committee (JBC) Staff agree that the amendments did not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

The Legislative Council Staff has indicated that the fiscal note will be revised downward to eliminate \$11,783 total funds, including \$2,946 General Fund and \$8,837 federal funds, related to programming the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS). The Long Bill included funding for a small amount of pool hours to cover miscellaneous programming costs for CBMS and the Department believes the programming needs for this bill can be absorbed within the pool hours. The JBC Staff agrees with the revised fiscal impact identified by Legislative Council Staff.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.002	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides \$5,446 General Fund to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for FY 2016-17. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will receive \$31,337 federal funds to implement the act. Of the money for the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, \$11,783 is reappropriated to the Governor's Office of Information Technology.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.002 Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to modify the existing appropriations clause to match the revised fiscal impact identified by Legislative Council Staff. The revised appropriations clause provides \$2,500 General Fund to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for FY 2016-17 for programming of the Medicaid Management Information System, and is based on an assumption that the Department will receive \$22,500 federal funds

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2016-17 based on the March 2016 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package allocates \$3.0 million General Fund to be available to fund 2016 legislation that is not accounted for in the budget package. If the full \$3.0 million is not used to fund legislation, it will remain in the General Fund reserve.