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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Lundberg
Rep. Primavera

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BILL TOPIC: PHYSICIAN DUTIES DELEGATED TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue	<u><\$5,000</u>	<u><\$5,000</u>
Cash Funds	<5,000	<5,000
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds	Minimal workload increase.	
TABOR Impact	<\$5,000	<\$5,000
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing minimal increase in state revenue and workload.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill clarifies and expands the duties that a physician may delegate to a physician assistant within his or her scope of practice, including allowing physician assistants to:

- issue certain statements verifying a medical condition;
- obtain Level I accreditation in workers' compensation matters;
- qualify as providing direct access to a health care provider under health insurance plans in regards to several conditions where direct access is mandated in law;
- work under the direction and supervision of a podiatrist (up to four physician assistants per podiatrist) ;
- serve as a public health director for a county or district board of health; and
- issue certificates of immunization or medical exemptions to immunizations for K-12 and university students.

In addition, the bill requires that prescriptions for schedule II controlled substances issued by a physician assistant be imprinted with the name of the supervising physician or podiatrist. All other prescriptions issued by physician assistants must be imprinted with the name and address of the facility where the physician assistant practices.

State Revenue

The bill increases cash fund revenue to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) by a minimal amount from fees paid by physician assistants to become accredited in workers compensation matters. The fee for accreditation is \$200. Any revenue generated is assumed to be less than \$5,000 per year, credited to the Physicians Accreditation Program Cash Fund.

TABOR Impact

This bill increases state revenue from fees by a minimal amount, which will increase the amount of money required to be refunded under TABOR. TABOR refunds are paid out of the General Fund.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in several state agencies by a minimal amount, as discussed below.

Department of Labor and Employment. The bill increases workload in the CDLE to accommodate additional participants in the Physician Accreditation Program for workers' compensation. Any increase in workload is assumed to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required at this time.

Department of Regulatory Agencies. The Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) may have a minimal increase in workload to update rules, policies, and outreach material concerning the changes to the scope of practice for physician assistants. No change in appropriations is required.

Department of Public Health and Environment. Given the changes in the role of physician assistants concerning student immunizations, the bill may increase workload for the Department of Public Health and Environment to conduct training and outreach with physician assistants. Any increase in workload is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology	Labor	Law
Public Health and Environment	Regulatory Agencies	