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**SB17-074**

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

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

**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-0216  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Garcia  
Rep. Esgar

**Date:** July 12, 2017  
**Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
**Fiscal Analyst:** Kerry White (303-866-3469)

**BILL TOPIC:** CREATE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT PILOT PROGRAM

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2017-2018</b>	<b>FY 2018-2019</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
Cash Funds	<u>Potential increase.</u>	
<b>State Expenditures</b>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
Cash Funds	500,000	500,000
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> \$500,000 - Board of Regents of the University of Colorado (FY 2017-18).		
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill creates a pilot program in the College of Nursing in the University of Colorado to make grants for organizations providing medication-assisted treatment to persons with opioid use disorders in Pueblo and Routt counties. The program is funded by an annual appropriation from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund (MTCF) for FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 of \$500,000 per year. Any unexpended moneys are returned to the MTCF. The program is repealed as of June 30, 2020.

**Grants.** The College of Nursing is charged with developing program guidelines and procedures, in collaboration with a newly created advisory board, including time frames for applying for grants, the form of the application, distribution time lines, technical assistance, consultation, and evaluation of the grant program. Grants must be awarded as soon as possible in FY 2017-18, but no later than January 2018. Grant funding is to be used for assisting nurse practitioners and physician's assistants to obtain training and support to prescribe medications, such as buprenorphine and other medications and therapies approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration, and to increase access to medication-assisted treatment. The bill establishes minimum criteria for applying for a grant and reporting requirements for grantees.

**Advisory Board.** The board consists of representatives of the College of Nursing, the State Substance Abuse Trend and Response Task Force, the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, the Colorado Nurses Association, the Colorado Academy of Physician Assistants, the Physician Assistant Program at the University of Colorado, and at least one medical or public health professional from each county.

## **State Revenue**

The bill may increase cash fund revenue if the College of Nursing accepts any gifts, grants, or donations for the pilot program. No source of such funding has been identified as of this writing and any receipts are TABOR exempt.

## **State Expenditures**

This bill increases state expenditures in the University of Colorado's College of Nursing by up to \$500,000 per year for FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 only. It may also increase expenditures in the state's Medicaid program over the same period, as discussed below.

**University of Colorado College of Nursing.** Costs will increase by \$500,000 per year to administer a grant program. This amount includes an estimated \$132,500 per year for program administration and \$367,500 per year for grants. The amount and number of grants distributed will be based on the number of eligible applications.

**Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF).** To the extent this bill results in additional persons applying for or using Medicaid benefits to treat opioid use disorders, costs will increase. This analysis assumes that should this occur, HCPF will request additional appropriations through the annual budget process.

## **Local Government Impact**

To the extent that local government agencies apply for and receive grant funding, revenue and expenditures will increase. These amounts have not been estimated.

## **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 22, 2017.

## **State Appropriations**

The bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$500,000 from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Colorado for allocation to the College of Nursing for FY 2017-18.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties  
Health Care Policy and Financing  
Information Technology  
Municipalities  
Revenue

Governor  
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Local Affairs  
Public Health and Environment