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FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: HEALTH CARE PROVIDER UNIQUE ID PER SITE OR SERVICE

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure (minimal), State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government (minimal), Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires off-campus locations of a hospital to use a different billing code than the main campus of the hospital. This will minimally increase workload for state agencies starting in FY 2019-20.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires off-campus locations of a hospital to obtain and use a unique National Provider Identifier (NPI) code apart from the NPI code used by the main campus of the hospital starting January 1, 2020. Similarly, it requires each organizational health care provider that participates in the Medicaid program to obtain a unique NPI code for each subpart and location at which it provides services. For Medicaid providers, the requirements of the bill apply to newly enrolling provider organizations starting January 1, 2019, and to re-enrolling provider organizations starting in January 1, 2021.

Background

NPI codes are issued to health care providers by the federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. They are issued by the federal government at no cost to registering entities.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload for state agencies by a minimal amount starting in FY 2019-20. First, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing will be required to process additional provider enrollments as off-campus locations and other subparts register their unique NPI codes. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment may also have an increase in workload to the extent that reviewing compliance with the new requirement is added as part of the

licensing and inspection process for hospitals. Lastly, any hospitals or health facilities operated by state agencies, institutions of higher education, and other state entities will be required to obtain and use NPI codes. It is assumed that this work for all affected agencies can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

## **Local Government**

To the extent local governments operate hospitals or health facilities that are required to obtain additional NPI codes, workload will increase by a minimal amount starting in FY 2019-20.

## **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 25, 2018, and took effect August 8, 2018.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Health Care Policy and Financing  
Information Technology  
Public Health and Environment