



Legislative
Council Staff

Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature

HB 19-1320

**REVISED
FISCAL NOTE**

(replaces fiscal note dated April 19, 2019)

Drafting Number: LLS 19-0613
Prime Sponsors: Rep. Kennedy; Lontine
Sen. Winter

Date: April 27, 2019
Bill Status: House Second Reading
Fiscal Analyst: Erin Reynolds | 303-866-4146
Erin.Reynolds@state.co.us

Bill Topic: HOSPITAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT ACCOUNTABILITY

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires nonprofit hospitals to address and report on their community benefit activities. Beginning in FY 2019-20, the bill increases state workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The revised fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the House Health and Insurance Committee.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires nonprofit hospitals to perform a community health needs assessment and create a community benefit implementation plan. Nonprofit hospitals are required to submit community benefit activities reports to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) each year. HCPF is required to establish a reporting process through rulemaking and post reports online.

Nonprofit hospitals are also required to convene a public meeting to seek feedback regarding the hospital's community benefit activities during the previous year and the hospital's community benefit implementation plan for the following year. The bill outlines the entities and state agencies that hospitals are required to invite to the public meeting, and requires hospitals to advertise the meeting in a major newspaper. Hospitals may convene joint public meetings with one or more hospitals that share some or all of the hospital's community.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2019-20, the bill will increase workload for HCPF and will minimally increase workload for departments that participate in community benefit meetings.

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. HCPF will perform the rulemaking required under the bill as part of its regular rulemaking process. While the bill requires HCPF to develop and provide a website where each reporting hospital will submit reports; it is assumed that HCPF will accept and post reporting through its existing website and that no analysis of reports is required by HCPF. As a result, no change in appropriations is required.

Other state agencies. State agencies that may have increased workloads to participate in community meetings include HCPF, the Department of Public Health and Environment, the Department of Human Services, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, and the Office of Saving People Money on Health Care in the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 2, 2019, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 3, 2019, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Governor
Human Services

Health Care Policy and Financing
Public Health and Environment

Higher Education