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HB 19-1326

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Esgar; Hansen Sen. Zenzinger; Rankin	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: RATES FOR SENIOR LOW-INCOME DENTAL PROGRAM

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

Joint Budget Committee. The bill changes the reimbursement rate maximum for the Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors and creates a reporting requirement for the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. The bill will increase state workload in FY 2019-20.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Senior Dental Advisory Committee recommends the maximum reimbursement rate for dental procedures under the Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-income Seniors Program, which cannot be less than rates set for a predecessor program by the State Board of Health. The bill sets the minimum rates per procedure based on equivalent Medicaid rates.

The bill also requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to review the operation and effectiveness of the Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-income Seniors in its next annual report and to make recommendations.

Background

The Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-income Seniors Program was established under Senate Bill 14-180. The program serves seniors 60 and over with income at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty guidelines who do not have Medicaid or any other dental coverage by providing grants throughout the state to Area Agencies on Aging, public health agencies, Community Health Centers, private dental practices, and other community-based organizations. In FY 2017-18, there were 23 program grantees, grant payments totaled approximately \$2.9 million, and the number of seniors served by the program was 2,996. The program is funded by the General Fund.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2019-20, the bill will lower the per procedure rate, as the Medicaid rates are lower than the predecessor program rates. This will allow dental coverage to be distributed to more seniors; however, no change in appropriations is required. In addition, it is assumed that HCPF can accomplish the reporting requirements under the bill within existing appropriations as reviewing program effectiveness is already under the purview of the Senior Dental Advisory Committee.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 14, 2019.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing