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Bill Topic: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER SCOPE OF PRACTICE

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

The bill authorizes emergency medical service providers to practice under the medical direction of an advanced practice nurse or physician assistant, and to practice in a hospital or clinic. It increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2019-20, the bill requires an appropriation of \$37,268 to the Department of Public Health and Environment.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 19-052

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Cash Funds, Centrally Appropriated, Total), Total FTE, Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, emergency medical service (EMS) providers are authorized to perform within a defined scope of practice under the medical direction of a licensed physician. The bill authorizes EMS providers to practice under the direction of an advanced practice nurse or physician assistant, and allows the State Board of Health (board) to authorize additional types of medical professionals to provide medical direction to EMS providers. The bill requires that the board adopt rules stating that EMS providers may practice in a clinic or hospital, and gives the board authority to adopt rules allowing EMS providers to practice in other types of licensed health care facilities. In addition, the bill adds an advance practice nurse and a physician assistant to the Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase state cash fund expenditures in CDPHE by \$54,574 and 0.5 FTE in FY 2019-20, and \$15,950 and 0.1 FTE in FY 2020-21 from the Emergency Medical Services Account in the Highway Users Tax Fund. These costs are shown in Table 2 and described below.

**Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 19-052**

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Dept. of Public Health and Environment		
Personal Services	\$35,018	\$7,004
Operating Expenses	\$475	\$95
Board Travel and Per Diem	\$1,775	\$1,775
Legal Services	-	\$2,591
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	\$17,306	\$4,485
Total Cost	\$54,574	\$15,950
Total FTE	0.5 FTE	0.1 FTE

* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Department of Public Health and Environment. CDPHE will conduct a stakeholder process to develop rules addressing the medical direction of EMS providers and the types of health facilities at which EMS providers are authorized to practice. It is expected that the stakeholder process can be completed and draft rules written in FY 2019-20 with 0.5 FTE. In FY 2020-21, State Board of Health rulemaking requires staff time for analysis, drafting, public comment, and to facilitate rulemaking, which can be accomplished with 0.1 FTE. Other expenses include \$2,591 for the Department of Law to review rules in FY 2020-21 and ongoing annual expenses of \$1,775 for two additional members of the Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Committee to attend meetings.

Department of Regulatory Agencies. Allowing EMS providers to practice under the direction of an advance practice nurse or physician assistant will require rule revision and outreach for the Colorado Medical Board and the Colorado Nursing Board. This workload impact is expected to be minimal, and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are estimated to be \$17,306 in FY 2019-20 and \$4,485 in FY 2020-21.

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 Appropriations

For FY 2019-20, the bill requires a cash fund appropriation of \$37,268 to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment from the Emergency Medical Services Account in the Highway Users Tax Fund, and an allocation of 0.5 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Higher Education
Information Technology	Public Health and Environment
Regulatory Agencies	