

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING HEALTH-CARE BILLING REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIGENT PATIENTS RECEIVING SERVICES NOT REIMBURSED THROUGH THE COLORADO INDIGENT CARE PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES BEFORE INITIATING COLLECTIONS PROCEEDINGS AGAINST A PATIENT.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Significant Cost Increase in Second Year

Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/30/2021.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The Health & Insurance Committee Report (04/21/2021) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision that appropriates \$219,295 from the General Fund to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing and reduces appropriations by \$44,204 from the General Fund for the Department of Public Health and Environment for FY 2021-22. This provision also states that the changes in appropriations are based on the assumption that the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing will require an additional 0.7 FTE and the Department of Public Health and Environment will require 0.4 FTE fewer. The net result across both departments is an increase of \$175,091 General Fund and 0.3 FTE.

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2021-22 based on the March 2021 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes a set aside of \$48.0 million General Fund for bills that require General Fund appropriations for FY 2021-22. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$175,091 for FY 2021-22, reducing the \$48.0 million set aside by the same amount.

Future Fiscal Impact

In FY 2022-23 the net fiscal impact of the bill increases to \$474,724 General Fund.