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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Ginal Rep. Froelich	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Senate HHS
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**Bill Topic:** OPIATE ANTAGONIST BULK PURCHASE & STANDING ORDERS

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

The bill makes eligibility changes to the opiate antagonist bulk purchase fund and opiate antagonist standing orders. The bill minimally increases state workload on an ongoing basis.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

Current law allows certain entities to purchase opiate antagonists through the Opiate Antagonist Bulk Purchase Fund, and allows other entities to receive opiate antagonists pursuant to standing orders and protocols. The bill aligns eligibility so all of these entities are eligible for both the bulk purchase fund and for standing orders. It also allows the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to prioritize purchases from the bulk purchase fund based on need and availability of opiate antagonists. Lastly, the bill clarifies that local governments have immunity when administering an opiate antagonist.

## State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2021-22, the bill will minimally increase workload in the CDPHE and the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), as described below.

**Department of Public Health and Environment.** The bill will increase the number of requests for opiate antagonists through standing orders processed by the CDPHE on an ongoing basis. The department will also be required to align the lists of eligible entities between the bulk purchase fund and standing orders. This work can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**Department of Regulatory Agencies.** The bill may require DORA to engage in rulemaking and conduct outreach and education to pharmacists and other regulated professionals. This work can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

## **Local Government**

The bill allows additional units of local government to purchase opiate antagonists through the Opiate Antagonist Bulk Purchase Fund pursuant to a standing order or protocol. Local governments will have increased costs should they choose to purchase antagonists. Purchase of opiate antagonists through the bulk fund may result in savings for local government agencies that are currently purchasing these products through other channels.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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Health Care Policy and Financing  
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Information Technology  
Public Health and Environment  
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School Districts