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HB 18-1313

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Ginal; Becker J. Sen. Aguilar; Priola	Bill Status:	Signed into Law Bill Zepernick 303-866-4777 Bill.Zepernick@state.co.us
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Bill Topic: PHARMACISTS TO SERVE AS PRACTITIONERS

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 clarifies pharmacists' scope of practice in regards to prescribing medication in certain situations. It will minimally increase state workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill clarifies that a licensed and qualified pharmacist may prescribe over-the-counter medication under Medicaid and when participating in a statewide drug therapy protocol pursuant to a collaborative pharmacy practice agreement.

State Expenditures

This bill increases workload in the Department of Regulatory Agencies by a minimal amount starting in FY 2018-19. Staff in the Division of Professions and Occupations will be required to update rules, communicate with pharmacists about the changes in the bill, and potentially receive and process complaints about pharmacists. It is assumed that this workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 6, 2018.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing
Public Health and Environment

Information Technology
Regulatory Agencies