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**SB 19-052**

# REVISED FISCAL NOTE

*(replaces fiscal note dated February 6, 2019)*

**Drafting Number:** LLS 19-0412  
**Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Garcia

**Date:** March 19, 2019  
**Bill Status:** Senate Appropriations  
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**Bill Topic:** EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER SCOPE OF PRACTICE

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**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

The bill authorizes emergency medical service providers to practice in a clinical setting under the medical supervision of a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, or registered nurse. It increases state workload on an ongoing basis.

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

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

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## Summary of Legislation

Under current law, emergency medical service (EMS) providers are authorized to perform prehospital care within a defined scope of practice under the medical direction of a licensed physician. The bill authorizes EMS providers to practice in a clinical setting under the medical supervision of a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, or registered nurse that is immediately available and physically present where the care is being delivered. The State Board of Health (board) in the Department of Public Health and Environment must promulgate conforming rules. Each clinical setting at which an EMS provider practices must establish operating policies and procedures to ensure that EMS providers perform tasks and procedures within their scope of practice.

## State Expenditures

The bill will increase workload for multiple state agencies, as discussed below.

**Department of Public Health and Environment.** The board must adopt a rule stating that EMS providers may work in clinical settings, and may adopt additional rules as needed to facilitate this practice. Because the general parameters of this authorization are defined in statute by the bill, workload required for the rulemaking is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**Department of Regulatory Agencies.** Allowing EMS providers to practice in a clinical setting will require rule revision and outreach for the Colorado Medical Board and the Colorado Nursing Board in the Department of Regulatory Agencies. This workload impact is expected to be minimal, and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**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 and Local Government Contacts**

Counties  
Information Technology  
Regulatory Agencies

Higher Education  
Public Health and Environment