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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Pettersen; Donovan Rep. Caraveo; McCluskie	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Senate HHS
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**Bill Topic:** HEALTH CARE ACCESS IN CASES OF RAPE OR INCEST

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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 type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill eliminates certain restrictions on facilities and providers that can be reimbursed for abortions under Colorado's Medicaid and Indigent Care programs. This will minimally increase state workload in FY 2021-22.

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

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

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## Summary of Legislation

Colorado's Medicaid and Indigent Care programs provides coverage for abortions only in cases of rape or incest, or when the life of the mother is endangered. In these instances, current law restricts abortion procedures to certain facility types and they can only be performed by a physician. The bill eliminates these facility- and provider-type restrictions, allowing reimbursement for these services when performed by any licensed health care provider at any health facility offering the services.

## State Expenditures

The fiscal note assumes some abortions may be performed at different facilities and by providers other than physicians, but the amount of abortions performed will be unchanged. As such, no increase in medical services expenditures is anticipated. Workload for the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing will increase in FY 2021-22 to modify the claims system and update documentation for providers, which can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**Effective Date**

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

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Health Care Policy and Financing

Public Health and Environment